



OPEN DATA STRATEGY

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1. Our Vision

Mount Isa Water Board (MIWB) will provide open access to its data which will assist us in achieving our vision of being a leader in regional water distribution and treatment.

2. Our Commitment

MIWB is committed to the Queensland Governments Open Data Strategy and will endeavour to:

- release as much data as possible
- make data accessible and easy to find
- publish data in line with the Open Data Policy Principles
- inform our stakeholders and key service delivery areas of data for impending release
- maintain data as fit-for-the-purpose for which it was collected.

3. Our Goals

Better services for Queenslanders, our customers and stakeholders through innovation, research and development of new data-enabled services and products by researchers, business and industry using MIWB data.

Increased community participation in decision-making through improved access to MIWB data and greater levels of interaction between policy-makers and the wider community.

A stronger knowledge economy by unlocking the social and economic value of MIWB data through sound data infrastructure.

4. Principles

MIWB data will be available for open use: Open access to Government data drives innovation and entrepreneurial activities. Where appropriate, data will be made available under the least restrictive license allowing for its use and re-use in accordance with the Australian Government Open Licensing framework.

MIWB data will be available free: MIWB data belongs to the community. Unless cost has been prescribed by legislation or benefits to the Queensland community approved by Cabinet, data will be made available, free.

MIWB data will be in accessible formats and easy to find: Publishing data in different formats offers maximum flexibility of user experience and access. Where practicable, we will publish data in machine readable formats that can be downloaded, indexed, and searched by commonly used web applications.

MIWB data will be released within set standards and accountabilities: As a commercialised Statutory Authority, MIWB also holds commercial and personal information that is not suitable for public release. MIWB will reduce the risks associated with the public release of data by

establishing a robust publication process to identify and protect personal/confidential information and commercial-in-confidence information in accordance with relevant legal and administrative frameworks.

5. Our Plan

We will facilitate **better services for Queenslanders** by:

Stimulating innovation

- creating opportunities by making data available, free for use and re-use in easily accessible and open formats by anyone who wishes to use it
- prioritising datasets for release in consultation with industry, enterprises, researchers and the wider community.

Increasing government efficiency and performance

- creating a culture that supports the sharing of Government information
- facilitating greater scrutiny of the effectiveness of Government policy
- driving more efficient public services through more transparent performance monitoring
- reducing red tape and streamlining processes for data sharing.

We will **increase community participation in government decision making** by:

Increasing awareness

- communicating the potential economic and social benefits created through the release of data
- promoting participation in the knowledge economy by making data available on www.qld.gov.au/data.

Building trust

- demonstrating transparency by making data open by default
- releasing data within set standards and in accordance with legislative protections (i.e. privacy)
- being responsive to feedback and suggestions for new datasets.

We will **build a stronger knowledge economy** by:

Unlocking the value of data

- building on the foundations for a strong knowledge economy by providing sound data infrastructure.

6. Our Data

We collect, store and maintain a range of datasets to support the delivery of bulk water supply services to our customers. These datasets include operational and environmental data.

7. Our Release Strategy

Our release strategy contains four main components

Identification: We will proactively identify information assets by surveying MIWB publications and business systems for underlying data sources, gathering information from business units about stand-alone data collections and engaging with stakeholders about their needs and interests.

Assessment: We will assess the suitability of data for release in accordance with relevant legislation, administrative instruments, policies and guidelines. The release of data will be prioritised according to its value to the public.

Not all data is suitable for release. The process of identifying and assessing data for publication acknowledges the need for it to be accessible to external audiences. Datasets subject to valid privacy, security or privilege limitations may be restricted or released in a modified form.

Publication: We will publish data in line with set standards and priority having regard to public interest; feedback from stakeholders and potential social or economic value.

Management: We will maintain datasets as fit-for-purpose, identify opportunities to improve data quality, seek feedback from data users and review our processes to ensure maximum efficiency.

8. Governance and Accountability

The Chief Executive is responsible for the success of MIWB's Open Data initiative by creating and sustaining an open data culture within the organisation.

Execution of our Open Data Strategy will be governed by MIWB's executive management team.

Progress against the success criteria of the initiative will be reported in the Queensland Government rolling six month action plan to be prepared by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet and overseen by the whole of government Open Data Reform Group (CEO Leadership Team).

This strategy is a four year forward plan to be reviewed annually. MIWB will also provide progress reports to the Open Data Reform Group when requested.

9. Legislative and Administrative Framework

Implementation of MIWB's Open Data Strategy will be managed in accordance with information management and publication provisions contained in relevant State and Federal legislation and administrative instruments.

10. The Future

Our commitment to Open Data will focus on data release driven by user need, monitored through public interaction. MIWB's Open Data capability is expected to expand as the systems and processes used to release data are embedded in our ongoing work processes.

We will place emphasis on opportunities to improve data quality in the future by:

- building capability through professional development and guidance
- continuing to support transparent decision-making processes to ensure as much data is being released as possible
- encouraging data users to provide feedback about usefulness, gaps and general satisfaction
- reviewing data-related processes and addressing issues relating to timeliness, reliability, relevance and accuracy.

11. Appendix 1 – Datasets to be Released and Release Timeline

Dataset Name	Description of Data	Target Date of Publishing	Frequency of Update	End of release date	Open license? (Yes or No)
Lake Moondarra Level	Lake Moondarra capacity level	Dec 2013	Quarterly	Nil	Yes
Lake Julius Level	Lake Julius capacity level	Dec 2013	Quarterly	Nil	Yes
Lake Moondarra Monthly Allocations	Lake Moondarra Monthly Allocation Data	Dec 2013	Quarterly	Nil	Yes
MIWB Consultant Expenditure	Annual MIWB consultant expenditure	Dec 2013	Annually	Nil	Yes
MIWB Overseas Travel	Annual MIWB overseas travel	Dec 2013	Annually	Nil	Yes

Note:

Target date of publishing (i.e. month & year)

Frequency of update (e.g. daily, monthly, quarterly, annually)

End of release date (if applicable)

Open licence? (Yes or No)