

# King and Yolande Sustainability Review

## Community consultation survey results



**Sustainability reviews provide an opportunity for Hydro Tasmania to review our operations in the catchments we use for hydropower. In the community consultation survey, we asked for your thoughts on how you use and value the waterways in the King and Yolande catchments.**

### Community consultation survey

The community consultation survey was open from 27 September until 31 October 2019. We asked you what you value most about the waterways within the King and Yolande catchments, including Lake Burbury, the King River, Lake Margaret and the Yolande River. The survey also allowed us to understand your concerns in the catchments, and where you think we can improve management or operations.

There were 22 responses to the survey. Over half were from local residents in or near the catchments, and more than 60% were recreational users or were involved in tourism in the region in some way.

Lake Burbury was the highest valued waterway, followed by an even score for King River and Lake Margaret, then the Yolande River.

### What you value the most

The most important topics catchment-wide were bushwalking, tourism and experiencing nature, which were all selected by over 50% of respondents. Some topics were valued higher at Lake Burbury, including access for recreation, scenic view points and bird watching. Land conservation scored equally between the waterways.

### Highest ranked concerns and opportunities

The five greatest concerns and opportunities for improvement across the catchments were management of weeds and pests, water quality, protection of threatened plants and animals, access for recreation, and signage (see figure below). Survey responses focused on:

- Updating signage with cultural heritage and conservation information.
- Water quality at Lake Burbury and Lake Margaret.

- Managing weeds in the catchment (such as pampas grass).
- The upgrade and continued maintenance of campsites and boat ramp facilities at Darwin Dam and Thureau Hills.
- Protection and ongoing management of the Lake Margaret Power Station and Village.

### Contact us

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### Next actions

We will consider the responses raised by the community alongside gaps previously identified in the [Information Review](#) report. Using this information we have developed targeted studies and actions that will take place in 2020. Information on these studies and any actions identified will be available by mid-2020. Some actions will require targeted discussions regarding collaboration with possible partners.

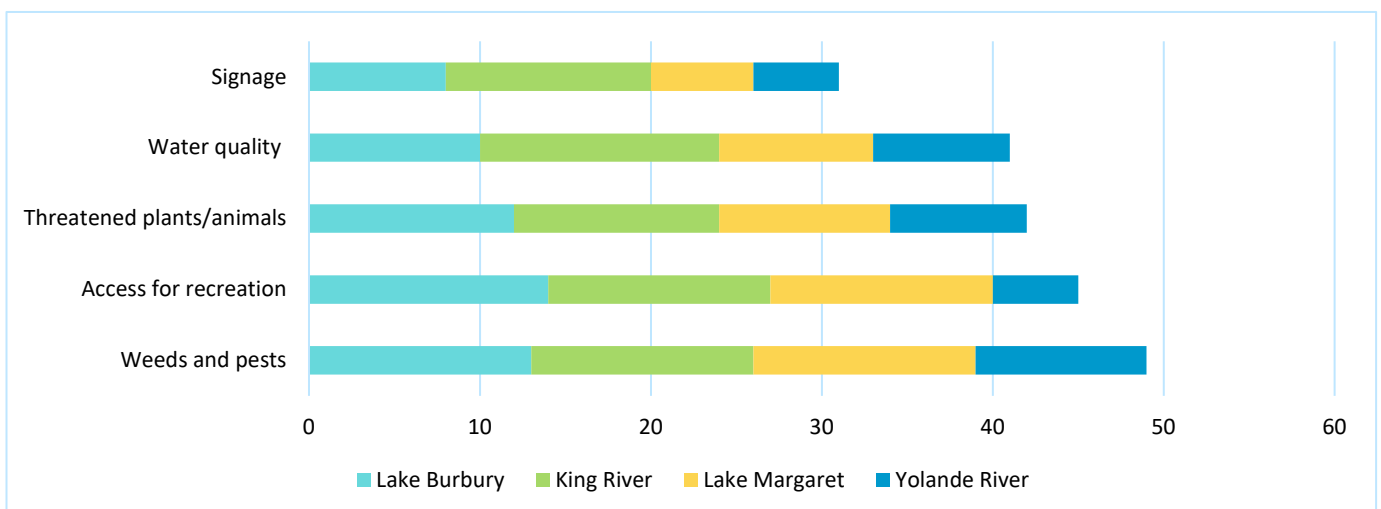
We are holding a Community Information Session on Monday 16 March, 5-6 pm at the West Coast Community Services Hub in Queenstown. This will provide the community with an opportunity to discuss the investigations taking place.

For more information on the Sustainability Review process, visit our website at:

[www.hydro.com.au/environment/environmental-management/water-management](http://www.hydro.com.au/environment/environmental-management/water-management)



**Protection of heritage assets:** Lake Margaret Power Station



**Number of responses:** Top-five concerns and opportunities for improvement.