

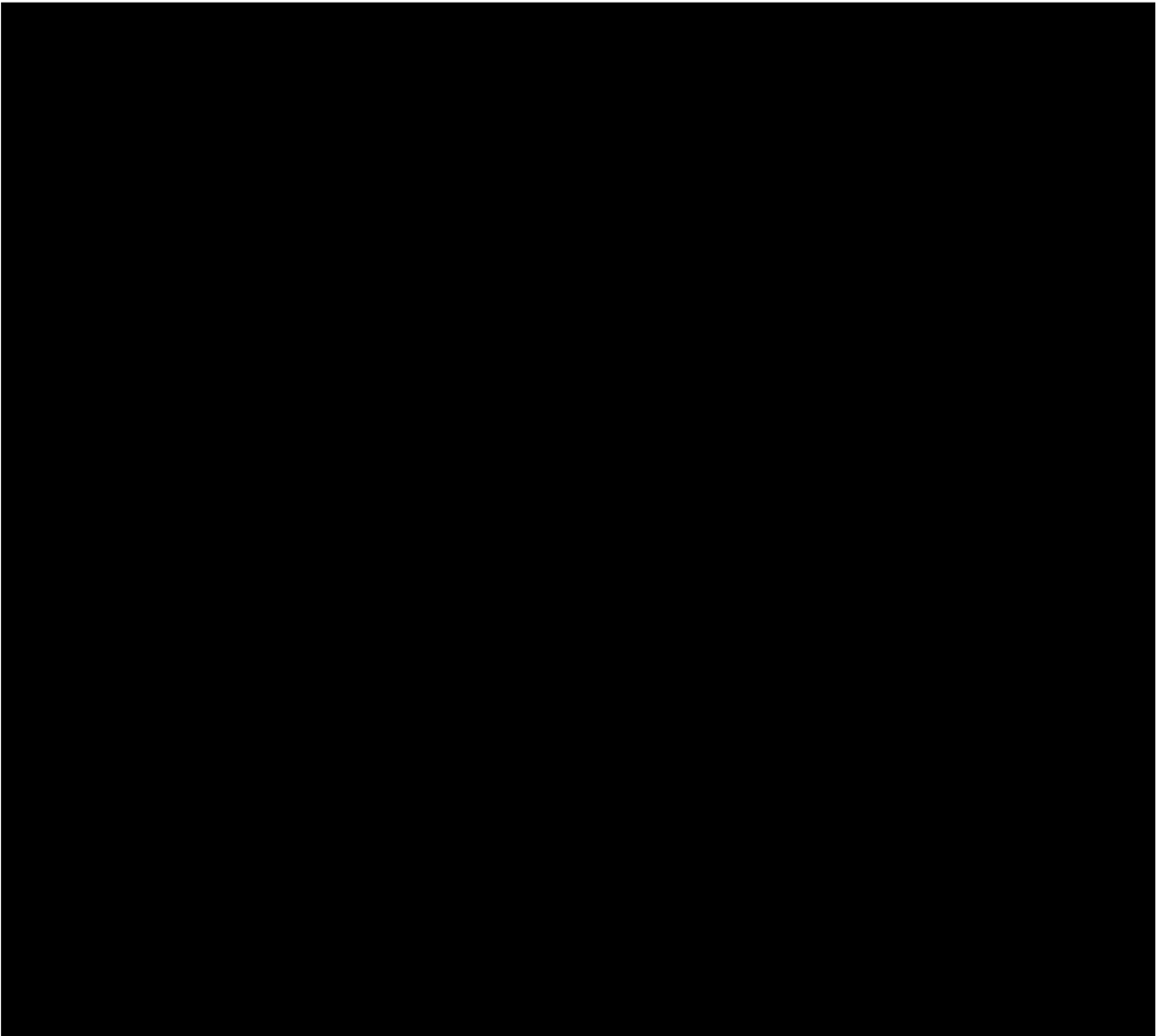
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## 7.2.5 Environmental planning and protection

The ACCC's final decision is not to accept State Water's proposed \$57.3 million (real \$2013–14) in Environmental Planning and Protection (EPP) expenditure. In its draft decision the ACCC accepted that all State Water's proposed fish passage works were required by regulation and were prudent and efficient. However, additional information provided by State Water has indicated that its proposed expenditure on the fish passage program has been delayed and there is uncertainty about the scope and timing of these projects.<sup>35</sup> The ACCC has approved a third of State Water's initial proposed amount as the capex allowance in the last year of the 2014-17 regulatory period. The ACCC considers this is the best forecast available in the circumstances. The ACCC's final decision is to approve capex on EPP of \$19.1 million (real \$2013–14).



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<sup>35</sup> State Water, *Response to information request 2PD*, received 22 May 2014.

<sup>36</sup> See attachment 4 of *Attachments to ACCC Draft decision on State Water Pricing Application: 2014-15 – 2016-17*, March 2014.

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