

# Tweed District Water Supply Augmentation

## Fact Sheet 4



### Community Working Group

#### What is the role of the Community Working Group?

The Tweed District Water Supply Augmentation Community Working Group (CWG) is being established to assist Tweed Shire Council select a preferred option from four shortlisted water supply augmentation options. The CWG is a consultative body and will work with Council to:

- Investigate the short-listed options.
- Support two-way communication with key stakeholders and the broader community.
- Identify information deficiencies and consultation gaps.
- Identify the key environmental, social and cultural issues associated with each option.
- Investigate the proposed Multi-Criteria Analysis process.

#### Membership of the Community Working Group

Any resident of Tweed Shire can nominate to become a member of the CWG. The positions on the CWG represent the range of key interests, positions and concerns associated with the selection of a preferred augmentation option. Stakeholder groups to be represented include:

- Residents of Tweed Shire's three geographical residential regions: Tweed Heads, Murwillumbah and rural communities, and the Tweed coast.
- Landholders whose land would be directly physically affected by one of the options.
- Representation from the Aboriginal community.
- Business and commercial community within Tweed Shire.
- Relevant environmental organisations and interested individuals.
- Local government councillors.
- Fisher, water user, or catchment user groups relevant to the options.

CWG members will be selected according to selection criteria by selection panels, including an impartial selection panel from Southern Cross University (SCU). Full details are contained in the Selection Criteria available at [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au) or by calling freecall 1800 826 267 and requesting Council to post a copy to you.

#### How will the Community Working Group's recommendations be publicised and used?

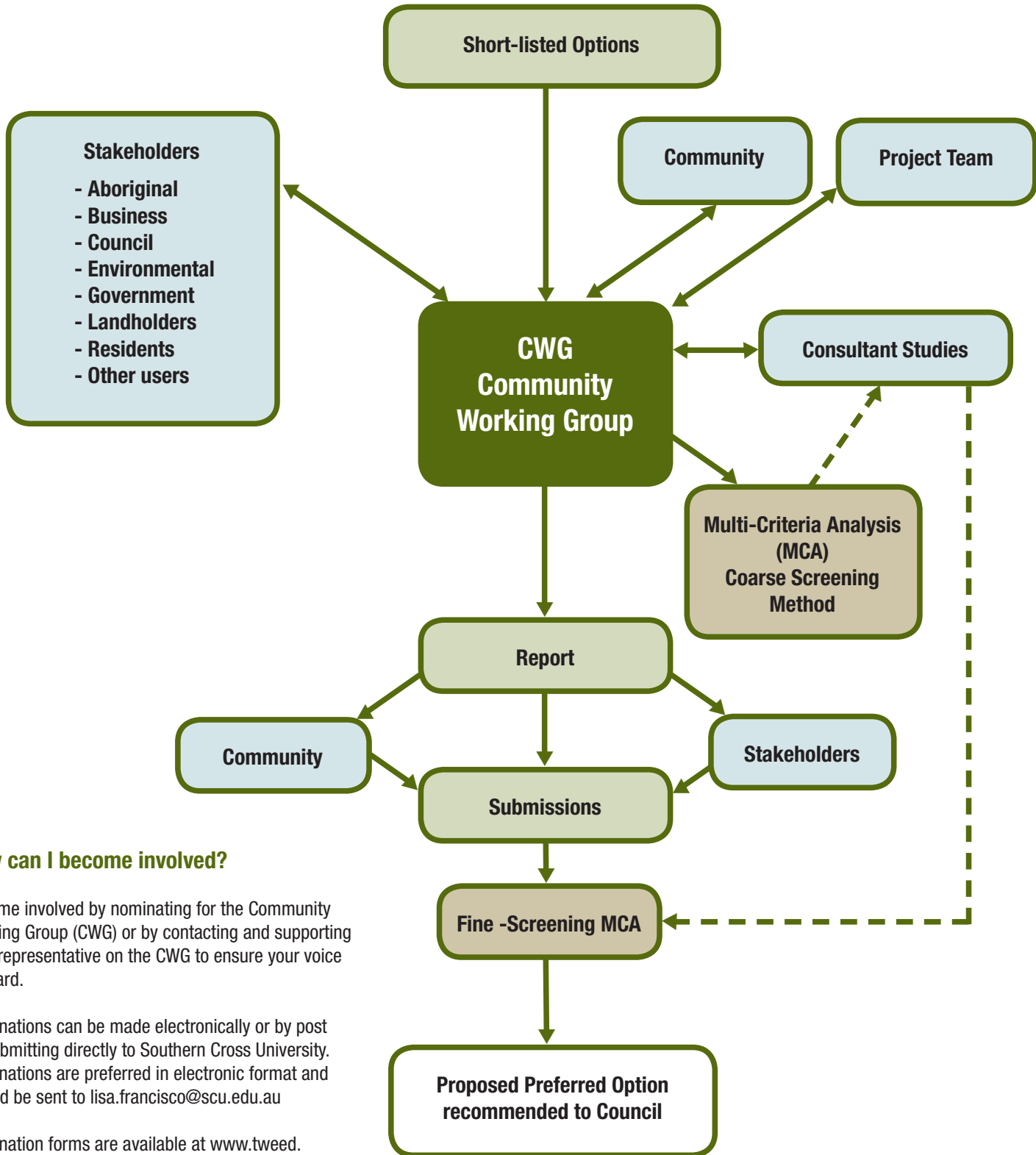
CWG members will be encouraged to discuss issues and disseminate information about water and the water supply augmentation options with stakeholders and the wider community. Stakeholders and the wider community are also encouraged to contact CWG members to ensure their concerns are heard and included.

The CWG will meet several times over the course of the community consultation process. The first meeting is proposed for early December 2009, and then up to five subsequent meetings at two week intervals from mid January 2010. Minutes of each meeting will be recorded and published on Council's website [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au).

At the end of the last meeting, the CWG will produce a report representing the views, interests and issues of members together with a summary of group recommendations for consideration in the Multi-Criteria Analysis. The report will also be made available to the community two weeks prior to the final date for submissions, to provide the community with more information prior to completing their individual submissions.

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### How can I become involved?

Become involved by nominating for the Community Working Group (CWG) or by contacting and supporting your representative on the CWG to ensure your voice is heard.

Nominations can be made electronically or by post by submitting directly to Southern Cross University. Nominations are preferred in electronic format and should be sent to [lisa.francisco@scu.edu.au](mailto:lisa.francisco@scu.edu.au)

Nomination forms are available at [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au) or by calling freecall 1800 826 267 and requesting Council to post a nomination form to you.

**Nominations close 17 November 2009.**