

Human Dimensions of Water Security: Comparing academic and governance literature through qualitative review

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As the product of an extensive review of Prairie water governance literature from academic, media, government, and professional organization sources, this review aims to compare the various sources of expertise regarding the policies for water governance in the Prairies. The human dimensions of water security that emerged from thematic analysis were inclusivity; perceptions, values, and behaviours; quality of governance; relationships; and use of knowledge in decision making. What becomes interesting about these dimensions are the differences and similarities between best practices and considerations from the academic point of view and the publications from governance bodies. The cross-sectional nature of this review allows these comparisons to also be made about the past and present state of water governance in the Prairies as well as what the future might look like.