



## Submission to: Murray Darling Basin Royal Commission

Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commission to  
Investigate the operation and effectiveness  
of the Murray-Darling Basin System



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*We will aim for* Excellence

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## District Council of Loxton Waikerie

Responses from the District Council of Loxton Waikerie are in bold and italics.

- Whether the Water Resource Plans defined by the Act and Basin Plan (which are to include the long-term average sustainable diversion limits for each Basin water resource) will be delivered in full and in a form compliant and consistent with the Basin Plan by 30 June 2019.

***We believe that it is vitally important that all of the Nationally Agreed Water Resource Plans must be delivered in full & on time.***

- If any Water Resource Plans are unlikely to be delivered in full and in a form compliant and consistent with the Basin Plan, the reasons for this.

***We believe that all jurisdictions must be delivered as agreed – in a form compliant and consistent with the basin plan. There is no valid reason for non-compliance to a nationally agreed set of actions.***

- Whether the Basin Plan in its current form, its implementation, and any proposed amendments to the Plan, are likely to achieve the objects and purposes of the Act and Plan as variously outlined in ss.3, 20, 23 and 28 of the Act, and the ‘enhanced environmental outcomes’ and additional 450 GL provided for in s. 86AA(2) and (3) of the Act, respectively.

***Yes, we believe that this can be delivered in the agreed format, within the plan – on time & in full.***

***We believe that the Northern Basin Disallowance is both outside of the agreement and certainly not in the spirit of the agreements.***

***We believe that the 605gig and 450gig are part of the plan & must be delivered.***

- Whether the underlying assumptions in the original modelling used to develop the objects and purposes of the Act and the Basin Plan have been sufficiently adjusted for the impact of improved technologies.

***We believe that the available technologies, covered within the plan are sufficient and will deliver the agreed efficiencies.***

- If the Basin Plan is unlikely to achieve any of the objects and purposes of the Act and Basin Plan and/or the ‘enhanced environmental outcomes’ and the additional 450 GL referred to above, what amendments should be made to the Basin Plan or Act to achieve those objects and purposes, the ‘enhanced environmental outcomes’ and the additional 450 GL?

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***We believe that all jurisdictions must be delivered as agreed – in a form compliant and consistent with the basin plan. There is no valid reason for non-compliance to a nationally agreed set of actions.***

- Any legislative or other impediments to achieving any of the objects and purposes of the Act and Basin Plan and/or the 'enhanced environmental outcomes' and additional 450 GL referred to above, and any recommendations for legislative or other change if needed.

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***We believe that all jurisdictions must be delivered as agreed – in a form compliant and consistent with the basin plan. There is no valid reason for non compliance to a nationally agreed set of actions.***

***If there is to be a change, then it must be with the full agreement of all states & the federal government - for what must always be considered our most important national asset.***

- The likely impact of alleged illegal take or other forms of non-compliance on achieving any of the objects and purposes of the Act and Basin Plan, and the 'enhanced environmental outcomes' and the additional 450 GL, referred to above.

***We believe that this is a state responsibility to act as has been agreed / committed until the plan implementation in 2019.***

- In relation to any found instances of illegal take or work, whether appropriate enforcement proceedings have been taken in respect of such matters and if not, why.

***We believe that all states must comply with all of their obligations under the plan.***

- Whether, in any event, the enforcement and compliance powers under the Act are adequate to prevent and address non-compliance with the Act and the Basin Plan, and any recommendations for legislative or other change if needed.

***We believe that this is a state responsibility to act as has been agreed / committed until the plan implementation in 2019.***

- Whether monitoring, metering and access to relevant information (such as usage data) is adequate to achieve the objects and purposes of the Act and Basin Plan and the 'enhanced environmental outcomes' and additional 450 GL referred to above.

***We believe that we must all work towards objectives agreed within the plan and a policy of no meter – no water enforced. This is again a state responsibility.***

***We believe there is a place for improved technologies to be used in the future - such as live telemetry.***

- Whether water that is purchased by the Commonwealth for the purposes of achieving the objects and purposes of the Act and Basin Plan and/or the 'enhanced environmental outcomes' and the additional 450 GL referred to above will be adequately protected from take for irrigation under water resource plans, and any recommendations for legislative or other change if needed.

***We believe both the 'enhanced environmental outcomes' & the 450gig are adequately protected by the CEWH & his/her responsibilities to the protection of the environment.***

- Whether the Basin Plan in its current form, its implementation, and any proposed amendments to the Plan, are adequate to achieve the objects and purposes of the Act and Basin Plan, the 'enhanced environmental outcomes' and the additional 450 GL referred to above, taking into account, likely future climate change.

***We have an agreed plan to follow. It is vital that we continue to support the plan in all aspects & we will then be able to better make predictions into the future as the plans develop further.***