

PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION

Murray-Darling Basin Plan: Five-year assessment

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MEMO:

TO: Productivity Commission

From: Louise Burge

Please find attached a public submission that I have previously lodged as part of the South Australian Royal Commission – Murray Darling Basin Plan.

I have forwarded this same submission to the Productivity Commission to assist with the Five-Year Assessment of the Murray Darling Basin Plan.

I encourage the Productivity Commission to consider the range of information included as this may assist with understanding the range of impacts/risks that are occurring to individual families and small businesses as a result of the Water Act 2007, the formation of the Murray Darling Basin Authority and subsequent Murray Darling Basin Plan

Since 2010, I have provided extensive documentation, attended numerous public and stakeholder meetings in both a personal and/or representative capacity to the Murray Darling Basin Authority.

There are significant improvements that could be made to the Murray Darling Basin Plan that could deliver major and more sustainable environmental outcomes with reduced social and economic impacts to people and to regional economies.

The basis of achieving those innovative and sustainable solutions, should be built around collaborative partnerships with local communities. Enabling cooperative and flexible decision making can also deliver significant cost savings to the taxpayers of Australia