
Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to ask the Review Panel to please keep strong the core objectives of the Water Act.

The Basin Plan and the Commonwealth Water Holder should be retained and allowed to get the job done over the next few years. This means not bowing to State or private interests which tend to focus on economic and social outcomes only, without even acknowledging that a healthy environment is the very basis of healthy economies and communities.

Please ensure that the Act retains the optimisation of environmental outcomes as a core objective - allowing water extraction levels only up to that which is sustainable, protecting and restoring ecological values, and honouring our Ramsar obligations - and please ensure that the Act keeps on providing for a robust Basin Plan & Water Holder mechanism to achieve the ecologically sustainable outcomes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
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