

## REVIEW OF THE OPERATION OF THE CAP RESPONSE SHEET FOR COMMENTS ON DRAFT REPORT

The March 2000 draft report on the **Review of the Operation of the Cap** by the Cap Project Board to the Murray-Darling Basin Ministerial Council is now available for public comment. Comments on the draft report are due by **10 July 2000**.



The draft report, and further copies of this response sheet, are available from the Murray-Darling Basin Commission and from the Commission's web site:

[www.mdbc.gov.au](http://www.mdbc.gov.au)

If you wish, you may use this form to tell us what you think about the position of the Cap Project Board in their report on the Review of the Operation of the Cap. If there is insufficient space on the form, you may add additional sheets or write a separate submission.

The draft report will be modified to reflect comments received and a final report on the Review of the Operation of the Cap will be presented to Ministerial Council Meeting 29 in August 2000.

Those who provide comments will receive a copy of the final Report once it has been approved by the Ministerial Council.

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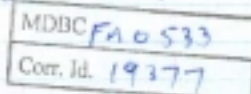
The deadline for comment is **10 July 2000**.

Comments (by e-mail if possible – this response sheet is available electronically on the Commission's web site) should be directed to:

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- or your local member of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC). Those comments made via the CAC that are received prior to **Friday 16 June 2000** will be considered at CAC Meeting 24 – 27 June 2000.



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Comments on draft Report.

Private submission

I am a dairyfarmer at Mypolonga SA with a keen interest in the management of the river system. When I arrived we were nearly flooded and in the mid 90's there was a very low river.

I increased use of river water since that time gives me no guarantee of supply in the future.

Our Murray swamps are the only true wetlands because we harvest what grows.

All the vegetation in the other "wetlands" not to produce methane gas many more times damaging to the ozone layer than carbon dioxide.

I have been told that Australia does not trickle water through marsh or reed beds and then harvest the reeds for fodder. This could be a future direction to reduce nutrient levels.

I wish the willows to remain but would like to see their old wood harvested or burned. Can we advertise for ideas for the wood use, over a time scale not destroy too much wildlife?

All the rivers in South Australia are what I call salt concentration ponds with huge losses from evaporation each year. To reduce these losses I would like to see the areas of shallow water reduced by levee banks with gates designed for periodic flooding. To have one river at Chowilla instead of two with gates installed would be progress.

Trading in water between <sup>states</sup> must take in to account evaporation and vegetation losses of water i.e. How much water from NSW gets to a farmer irrigator in South Australia.

To that end tree planting along rivers must take account of their water use.

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