

Water Act 2007

Murray-Darling Basin Plan 2012

Implementation Agreement

7 August 2013

1. Preamble

- 1.1 The Basin Plan (the Plan) was adopted by the Commonwealth Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, on 22 November 2012.
- 1.2 The Plan provides for the MDBA to enter into an agreement with a Basin State with respect to any implementation obligation the Plan imposes on a Basin State (s1.12).
- 1.3 An implementation agreement is to have regard to any relevant circumstances of the Basin State and any relevant Commonwealth–State agreements, including funding agreements. The relevant agreements are: the Agreement on Murray-Darling Basin Reform (2008); the Intergovernmental Agreement on Implementing Water Reform in the Murray-Darling Basin (2013); the National Partnership on Implementing Water Reform in the Murray-Darling Basin (2013); the Water Management Partnership Agreements (as between the Commonwealth and each of the Basin States)(2010); the National Partnership Agreements on Water for the Future: Implementation Plans for the National Framework for Compliance and Enforcement Systems for Water Resource Management Project (as between the Commonwealth and each of the Basin States)(2011); the Intergovernmental Agreement on a National Water Initiative (2004); and the Intergovernmental Agreement on Addressing Water Overallocation and Achieving Environmental Objectives in the Murray–Darling Basin (2004, supplemented in 2006 and 2009).
- 1.4 The Intergovernmental Agreement on Implementing Water Reform in the Murray-Darling Basin (2013) (the “Intergovernmental Agreement”) provides for Commonwealth financial support to the Basin States, in recognition of the costs they will incur as a result of implementing the Plan. In this context, this Agreement sets out implementation obligations that are effective and efficient, streamlined and fit for purpose, and take into account the need to minimise implementation costs.
- 1.5 To further support this outcome, the MDBA commits to working with Basin States to ensure that the Plan’s implementation obligations are given effect in ways that are consistent with the intent of, and provisions, in the Intergovernmental Agreement. The MDBA will thereby work with Basin States to ensure that implementation costs are kept to a minimum. The MDBA and Basin States note the funding made available to Basin States under the Intergovernmental Agreement (section 7.1) to support implementation of the Plan.
- 1.6 As it relates to Basin States and the MDBA, this Agreement constitutes the implementation agreement made under s1.12 of the Plan.

1.7 The Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder (CEWH) is not a party to the implementation agreement under s1.12 of the Plan. This Agreement and the Schedule relating to the CEWH constitute an agreement between the CEWH, the MDBA and Basin States regarding the approach that the CEWH will take in implementing its obligations under the Plan.

2. Purposes

2.1 This Agreement has the following purposes:

- (i) to identify the obligations, and agree the tasks – including required actions, timing, transitional arrangements, the standards to which obligations are to be met, the tasks for which there will be guidelines, and the processes for developing, reviewing and amending the content of the guidelines, consultation processes and the allocation of responsibilities between the parties – which will meet the Plan’s implementation obligations;
- (ii) to define where obligations between the parties are co-dependent – that is, where the fulfilment of one party's obligation is reliant on an action of another party; and
- (iii) to describe the MDBA’s proposed approach to discharging its regulatory obligations under the Plan.

3. Principles

3.1 All parties commit to the collaborative implementation of the Plan.

3.2 In making this commitment, the parties agree to:

- (i) work transparently and respectfully with each other, including acknowledging and respecting each other’s roles, responsibilities and legislative frameworks;
- (ii) be innovative in the way they address the challenges that arise;
- (iii) seek cost effective, efficient and fit for purpose approaches; and
- (iv) work closely with each other when engaging with the community.

4. Commitment to collaborative work between the parties

4.1 All parties commit to working collaboratively, including by:

- (i) facilitating the provision of reasonable access to data, information, models and other available knowledge to assist them to meet their obligations, as required, in ways that are consistent with all relevant requirements, arrangements and agreements in relation to intellectual property, privacy, information and data; and
- (ii) agreeing protocols in relation to media and communications.

5. Working with the Community

- 5.1 The parties recognise the critical importance of working with the community in implementing the Plan.
- 5.2 The parties commit to a collaborative approach to working with the community, built on recognising and respecting each other's planning and consultation processes, roles and responsibilities, and respecting the time and effort asked of community members.
- 5.3 The parties commit to consulting with the community in an informed way that:
 - (i) is efficient, coordinated and avoids duplicative or parallel consultation processes;
 - (ii) builds on existing Basin State arrangements and recognises long-standing consultative structures and mechanisms that each party has in place, including the statutory roles for certain Basin State consultative arrangements;
 - (iii) ensures that the linkages between implementing the Plan, related commitments in the Intergovernmental Agreement and the on-going responsibilities of Basin States for water resource planning and management, are acknowledged and understood; and
 - (iv) maximises the benefits of consultations.
- 5.4 The parties agree to the open exchange of information and early advice on proposed consultation, and to undertake joint planning as agreed.

6. Implementation obligations of all parties under the Plan

- 6.1 The parties commit to meeting the obligations in the Plan and further described in this Agreement. Standards and processes for meeting these obligations are described in this Agreement.
- 6.2 The Plan establishes a sustainable and long-term adaptive management framework for the Basin's water resources. It does this by setting new parameters that Basin States are to address in their longstanding and continuing water planning and management roles. These parameters include sustainable diversion limits for each of the water resources in the Basin, arrangements for environmental water planning, rules for water trading and a monitoring and evaluation framework to inform the adaptive management framework.
- 6.3 As the delivery of water resource planning and management for a Basin State's water resources will continue to be through Basin State plans, effective collaboration between the MDBA and Basin States will be critical to developing a successful long-term adaptive management framework for implementing the Plan. Supporting this, a highly collaborative approach will also be adopted to underpin the MDBA's regulatory role.

- 6.4 In undertaking its regulatory role to achieve the Plan outcomes, the MDBA will allow for differences in approach between Basin States to give effect to Plan outcomes. The MDBA will focus its efforts on promoting and monitoring compliance in areas where it has a reasonable belief that the underlying issue may impact materially on the achievement of Plan outcomes. If compliance issues arise, the MDBA would seek to resolve them in good faith, in a way that is proportional to the issue being addressed, considers the actions taken toward achieving compliance, and with a view to dealing effectively with the circumstance. The MDBA would only seek to exercise its powers under the *Water Act 2007* (the Act) as a last resort.
- 6.5 Guidelines accompanying Chapters of the Plan deal with the interpretation of the Plan and have no statutory force. The purpose of such guidelines is to provide information, advice and support to Basin States, the CEWH, the MDBA and the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (the “Department”) on implementing the Plan.

7. Implementation work program

- 7.1 The Basin States and the CEWH note that the MDBA will have a Plan Implementation work program.
- 7.2 This work program will set out the activities, processes and timing for the conduct of the work required of the MDBA to meet the obligations of the Plan and further described in this Agreement.
- 7.3 This work program will be updated annually following consultation between the parties through the governance process described in this Agreement, and will be published on the MDBA website.

8. Processes for Collaboration and Governance

- 8.1 The parties recognise that implementing the Plan will require effective and efficient collaborative arrangements for consultation and decision making on a range of issues. The following arrangements will be established:
- Basin Plan Implementation Committee (BPIC)
 - Purpose: High-level forum to monitor, review and make decisions relevant to implementing this Agreement, including ways of working with communities, and for the MDBA to consult with Basin States and the CEWH on all aspects of Plan implementation, including the annual MDBA Plan Implementation work program.
 - Membership: MDBA (Chair), Basin States, the Department and the CEWH.
 - The parties will review the BPIC terms of reference, including the approach to ensuring that implementation costs are kept to a minimum.

- Working Groups

- Purpose: A number of Working Groups will be established to undertake tasks at the request of BPIC and to provide advice as required by BPIC on Plan implementation. It is envisaged that initially there would be four Working Groups and one Taskforce, namely:
 - Water Resource Planning – advice on matters relating to surface water and groundwater sustainable diversion limits, water resource plans and critical human water needs; Cap to SDL transition arrangements, reporting obligations under s32 and s71 of the Act, and relevant guidelines;
 - Environmental Watering – advice on policy and planning issues relating to the environmental watering plans, including the Basin-wide watering strategy, long-term watering plans, Basin and Basin State annual environmental watering priorities, local engagement, accounting for environmental water use and environmental water delivery;
 - Water Trade – advice on matters relating to the water trading rules and guidelines, and the operation of the water market;
 - Monitoring and Evaluation – advice on matters relating to monitoring, evaluation and reporting responsibilities, and relevant guidelines; and
 - Water Quality Taskforce – multilateral workshops on integrating Schedule B Murray-Darling Basin Agreement and Water Quality and Salinity Management Plan requirements, particularly the preparation of draft guidelines on the application of the flow management targets in the Water Quality and Salinity Management Plan.

8.2 BPIC will keep under review the need for working groups or taskforces, and the responsibilities assigned to them. The BPIC may decide to end any of them or establish new groups or processes as appropriate. The need for and the terms of reference of the Working Groups and the Taskforce established in this Agreement are to be reviewed by BPIC by November 2014.

8.3 Proposals for new guidelines and amendments to existing guidelines will be presented by the parties to BPIC for consideration, following consultation with the relevant Working Groups or the Taskforce. Such proposals would occur in the context of the role of guidelines being to assist the parties meet their implementation obligations in ways that are effective and efficient, streamlined and fit for purpose, and thereby ensuring that implementation costs are kept to a minimum.

8.4 In addition to the arrangements indicated above, the parties agree to establish an Environmental Water Holders and River Operators Coordination Forum, with the following features:

- Purpose: To support the operational coordination of environmental water delivery in the southern-connected Basin in line with the environmental watering plan, the water quality and salinity management plan and the annual environmental watering priorities, so as to achieve the best environmental

outcomes. The Forum will not be a decision-making body, but will be a mechanism to coordinate environmental watering activities to ensure decision makers, namely environmental water holders, managers of planned environmental water and river operators, can act on the best information, in accordance with their statutory responsibilities.

- Membership: environmental water holders and managers of planned environmental water, key river operators and waterway managers.

8.5 To the extent that the above arrangements address issues that are considered by the Basin Officials Committee (BOC), the parties agree to hold relevant meetings back to back where possible to minimise costs. In the first instance, these issues include work on the Basin Salinity Management Strategy, The Living Murray, Environmental Watering Group, and Water Trade.

8.6 The parties note that:

- the SDL Adjustment Assessment Committee (SDLAAC), established in the Intergovernmental Agreement, reports to BOC and will continue to operate as a forum for the MDBA to consult Basin States over the Constraints Management Strategy; and
- the future role of the River Murray Water Committee, the Natural Resource Management Committee and The Living Murray Committee, and their subcommittees will be subject to further consideration.

9. Compliance and assurance

9.1 The parties commit to the following principles for compliance and assurance in relation to their obligations set out in the Plan and further described in this Agreement:

- (i) the parties will work collaboratively to develop and implement the Plan compliance and assurance program. The MDBA will consult on the proposed program through workshops attended by compliance and assurance staff and policy officers. BPIC will consider the best methods for ongoing engagement and collaboration;
- (ii) the parties note the National Water Commission's (NWC) role in auditing is to undertake a longer term strategic review of the effectiveness of implementing the Plan. Accordingly, the MDBA will work closely with the NWC to ensure costs are minimised and roles are clear;
- (iii) a risk management approach will underpin the MDBA's compliance and assurance program;
- (iv) parties to this Agreement will prepare annual statements of assurance of their compliance with Plan obligations that will be made public. The statements of assurance will be signed by the relevant Secretary, Chief Executive, Director-General

or, in the case of the CEWH, the CEWH itself. The statements will be provided to the MDBA by 31 October each year from 2014 and will cover activities in the previous water year;

- (v) Basin States will provide the MDBA with reasonable access to relevant officers, information, data and intelligence, to assist the MDBA to deliver its compliance and assurance program. In seeking access, the MDBA will give proper notice of any request for access and ensure that such a request is relevant to the compliance matter and not already held by or available to the MDBA;
- (vi) the MDBA, following consultation with Basin States, the CEWH and the Department, will establish arrangements to ensure there is no conflict of interest in the MDBA's conduct of the compliance and assurance program in relation to its own obligations; and
- (vii) the MDBA is committed to the principle of 'collecting once and using often' in order to minimise costs to parties with compliance, assurance and all other reporting obligations.

10. Period

10.1 This Agreement will be in effect for ten years from when the current Plan was adopted, which is until 22 November 2022.

11. Amendment of this Agreement

11.1 This Agreement may be amended at any time by agreement in writing of all parties, including to reflect any amendments to the Act or the Plan.

12. Dispute resolution process and termination

12.1 All parties will endeavour to resolve any disputes under this Agreement constructively and expeditiously. In the event that a dispute arises under this Agreement, the following process will occur:

- (i) a senior executive from each of the parties to the dispute will discuss the dispute as soon as practical;
- (ii) should the dispute still remain unresolved, it will be referred to the Secretary, Chief Executive or Director-General of the relevant parties or in the case of CEWH, the CEWH itself.

12.2 A party may withdraw from this Agreement by giving three months written notice to all other parties of their intention to do so.

Signed for and on behalf of each of the parties by:

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Basin States Schedule

Basin Plan obligations

**Basin Plan Obligations
Chapter 6 - Water that can be taken**

| Tasks | Timing | Standards and processes for delivering tasks |
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| 13: Reviews of the Plan (s6.06). | | |
| <p>13.1: Provide advice and assessments of the MDBA’s studies for, and review of, the work underpinning the SDLs in the Northern Basin, including the basis for the long-term average sustainable diversion limits for surface water and groundwater SDL resource units.</p> | <p>By December 2015.</p> | <p>The MDBA will undertake the review of the work underpinning SDLs for the Northern Basin, in collaboration with New South Wales and Queensland, who will participate in the review and advise on associated studies, processes and final recommendations.</p> <p>The MDBA has established a Northern Basin Advisory Committee (NBAC) to provide independent strategic advice to the MDBA on how an adaptive Plan can be implemented in the Northern Basin.</p> <p>The MDBA, New South Wales and Queensland have endorsed the formation of the Northern Basin Intergovernmental Working Group, a technical reference panel of Queensland, New South Wales and Commonwealth officials (MDBA, the CEWH and the Department), to provide advice on developing and implementing the Northern Basin work program.</p> <p>The work program for 2012-13 was developed in consultation with NBAC and the Northern Basin Intergovernmental Working Group, and both groups are working with the MDBA to develop and implement the remaining three years of the Northern Basin scientific and socio-economic work program through 2015-16.</p> <p>The MDBA commits to provide funding of \$1 million per year over the three financial years (2013-14 to 2015-16) to be allocated by the MDBA for projects under the Northern Basin work program, noting that the scope and funding amounts for particular projects will be determined by the MDBA in light of advice from established consultative arrangements with the New South Wales and Queensland governments and NBAC.</p> <p>The Commonwealth has committed to provide \$822,000 in Commonwealth funding for the Floodplain vegetation watering requirements proposal, subject to the outcomes of the scoping study for Queensland now underway. The project would be delivered over three financial years, from 2013-14 to 2014-15, through the Murray–Darling Freshwater Research Centre, who will work with research providers in the Northern Basin.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the MDBA has a related accountability, refer to paragraph 43.3 of this Agreement.</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March - October 2013. • March - August 2013. • March 2013 - June 2014. | <p>New South Wales will review and advise on the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science review project (review environmental water recovery for Condamine–Balonne and Barwon–Darling river systems) • Queensland Border Rivers fractured rock SDL scoping study • Purchase of LIDAR data sets |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April - September 2013. • March - September 2013. • March - August 2013. • February 2013 - June 2014. | <p>Queensland will review and advise on the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watering requirements for floodplain vegetation – Northern Basin (scoping study focussed on the Lower Balonne) • Central Condamine Alluvium hydrologic model update • Queensland Border Rivers fractured rock SDL scoping study • Purchase of LIDAR data sets <p>The MDBA will consider the three projects listed below, as put forward by Queensland, in the wider mix of projects proposed to help inform its Northern Basin Review, after taking into account advice from New South Wales and Queensland governments, independent scientific advice, and the NBAC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improved management and delivery of environmental water in the Northern Basin; • floodplain wetland water requirements at the Lower Balonne Floodplain Hydrological Indicator site; and • waterholes as refugia. |

Basin Plan Obligations
Chapter 7 - Constraints Management Strategy

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| 14: Constraints Management Strategy (s7.08). | | |
| 14.1: Review and provide advice on measures recommended in the Constraints Management Strategy. | From December 2013. | <p>The Basin States will undertake reviews of recommendations having regard to benefits and costs, available funding, third party impacts and community views. On the basis of these reviews, Basin States will advise the MDBA of their proposed responses to the relevant Constraints Management Strategy recommendations. Some recommendations will be progressed bilaterally between the MDBA and a Basin State, while others may be progressed multilaterally through BOC, and possibly the Murray-Darling Basin Ministerial Council.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the MDBA has a related accountability, refer to paragraph 45.3 of this Agreement.</p> |
| 14.2: Develop constraint management proposals. | From December 2013. | <p>Basin States may develop proposals to address constraints, having regard to the Constraints Management Strategy.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the MDBA has a related accountability, refer to paragraph 45.6 of this Agreement.</p> |

Basin Plan Obligations
Chapter 7 - Sustainable Diversion Limits Adjustment Mechanism

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| 15: Preparation of proposed measures for SDL adjustment (s7.12). | | |
| 15.1: Prepare and assess proposals for supply measures. | Ongoing to June 2016. Expected completion of Phase 1, December 2013. Phase 2 by 30 June 2015. Phase 3 by 31 December 2015. | Proponents will prepare proposals in accordance with assessment guideline and informed by the method for calculation of supply contribution. SDLAAC and BOC will assess the proposals. The MDBA will provide advice to SDLAAC in relation to its assessment of the feasibility of proposals. BOC and the MDBA will develop and keep up to date a joint work program and publish it on the MDBA website. BOC will submit one or more supply measures to the Murray-Darling Basin Ministerial Council for approval, and then submit the measures to the MDBA for consideration in the initial SDL adjustment. For associated provisions for which the MDBA has a related accountability, refer to paragraphs 46.3, 47.1 and 48.1 of this Agreement. |
| 15.2: Prepare and assess proposals for efficiency measures. | By 30 June 2016 for efficiency measures; by 31 December 2023 for additional measures. | Basin States may develop and implement proposals for efficiency measures for inclusion in the BOC package of measures prior to 30 June 2016. Basin States may also develop and implement proposals for additional efficiency measures after 30 June 2016. BOC will submit one or more efficiency measures to the Murray-Darling Basin Ministerial Council for approval, and then submit the measures to the MDBA for consideration in the initial SDL adjustment. For associated provisions for which the MDBA has a related accountability, refer to paragraphs 46.3, 47.1 and 48.1 of this Agreement. |
| 16: Re-allocation reduction requests (ss7.10, 7.15, 7.20, 7.23). | | |
| 16.1: Request MDBA to propose re-allocation of shared reduction amount. | By 31 May 2016. | Basin States can request the MDBA to propose a re-allocation of the shared reduction amount within affected SDL resource units in that Basin State. For associated provisions for which the MDBA has a related accountability, refer to paragraph 48.1 of this Agreement. |

Basin Plan Obligations
Chapter 7 - Sustainable Diversion Limits Adjustment Mechanism

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| 17: Notification and registration of measures (ss7.12, 7.13). | | |
| 17.1: Notify the MDBA of additional efficiency measures. | After 30 June 2016 but on or before 31 December 2023. | <p>The Basin State undertaking additional efficiency measures will notify the MDBA.</p> <p>The MDBA will develop a process for receiving additional notifications and updating the register which will be developed in consultation with Basin States.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the MDBA has a related accountability, refer to paragraphs 47.1 and 49.1 of this Agreement.</p> |
| 17.2: Amend or withdraw notification. | By 31 December 2023. | <p>A notified supply or efficiency measure that will not proceed, or whose details will change and materially affect the outcomes of the measure, must be withdrawn or amended as appropriate. The MDBA will update the register accordingly.</p> <p>If a notification is made prior to 30 June 2016, BOC is the responsible party for the notified measure. Notified measures made after 30 June 2016 are the responsibility of the party making the notification.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the MDBA has a related accountability, refer to paragraphs 47.1 and 49.1 of this Agreement.</p> |

Basin Plan Obligations
Chapter 8 - Environmental Watering Plan

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| 18: Long-term watering plans (ss8.11, 8.18-8.22). | | |
| 18.1: Prepare long-term watering plans for each surface water resource plan area. | By November 2015 (or as otherwise agreed with MDBA). Plans are to be reviewed and updated at intervals not exceeding 5 years. | <p>Each Basin State will prepare long-term watering plans aligning with the Plan’s surface water resource plan areas.</p> <p>The level of detail in a long-term watering plan will vary according to local conditions, levels of development and regulation, the influence on other water resources, and statutory and other arrangements prevailing in the surface water resource plan area.</p> <p>A long-term watering plan may provide that an existing or other specified instrument or text comprises or is part of a Basin State’s plan.</p> <p>The MDBA and the Basin State agree that the Basin State listed below will use the following types of instruments to inform the content of the Basin State’s long-term water plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria: Environmental entitlements, environmental water management plans, seasonal watering plans and other instruments of the kind currently in place under the Victorian environmental water planning and management framework. It is noted that this suite of instruments may be amended as a result of the outcomes of the current Victorian Water Law Review and further consideration will be given to the relevant instruments following the completion of that review; • Queensland: water resource plans and resource operations plans; and • Australian Capital Territory: the <i>Water Resource Act 2007</i> and the <i>Water Resources Environmental Flow Guidelines 2013</i>. <p>The MDBA will work bilaterally with South Australia and New South Wales to agree the types of instruments to inform the content of their respective long-term watering plans.</p> <p>The plans will be developed by dates agreed between the MDBA and each Basin State.</p> <p>The MDBA and each Basin State will separately agree on what further material would be required for each of the State’s long-term watering plans. As part of this, the MDBA and each Basin State will also agree on the standards required for this material.</p> |

**Basin Plan Obligations
Chapter 8 - Environmental Watering Plan**

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| | | <p>These agreements will have regard to the extent of development and regulation of the water resources, the potential for downstream influences, and other relevant matters, including the coordination with other Basin States. Thus, for instance, long-term watering plans for unregulated systems with limited downstream influences on environmental outcomes may require a low level of complexity. Similarly, regulated systems with significant downstream influences on environmental outcomes may require a higher level of complexity.</p> <p>The process for seeking to agree a general approach to standards for long-term watering plans and for providing guidance on the coordination with other Basin States will be undertaken through the BPIC – Environmental Watering Working Group. Specific arrangements that may be required within a Basin State will be developed bilaterally between the Basin State and the MDBA.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the MDBA has a related accountability, refer to paragraph 50.1 of this Agreement.</p> |
| <p>19: Annual environmental watering priorities (ss8.23-8.26).</p> | | |
| <p>19.1: Identify annual environmental watering priorities for each water resource plan area.</p> | <p>By 31 May each year or as agreed.</p> | <p>The level of detail for annual environmental watering priorities will vary according to local conditions, levels of development and regulation, influence on other water resources and statutory and other arrangements in the water resource plan area. Effective environmental watering in unregulated systems may rely less on direct control of environmental watering, and more on rules developed in water resource plans. On the other hand, regulated systems require more active management of environmental water and hence more detailed and comprehensive annual priorities.</p> <p>This principle of fit for purpose management will inform the development and assessment of annual environmental watering priorities by Basin States and the MDBA respectively.</p> <p>A Basin State will submit its annual environmental watering priorities or other relevant instrument as agreed with the MDBA, for the purposes of identifying the annual environmental watering priorities for the water resource plan areas.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the MDBA has a related accountability, refer to paragraph 51.1 of this</p> |

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Chapter 8 - Environmental Watering Plan**

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| 20: Coordination of environmental water on an annual and long-term basis (ss8.11, 8.19, 8.24, 8.35, 8.44). | | |
| 20.1: Identify possible cooperative arrangements that will support the delivery of environmental water in accordance with the priorities identified in the annual environmental watering priorities. | From the commencement of the 2013-14 water year. | <p>The parties agree to identify possible cooperative delivery arrangements where appropriate, noting that decisions about the use of environmental water are a matter to be determined by the holders of held environmental water and managers of planned environmental water.</p> <p>The Environmental Water Holders and River Operators Coordination Forum will support the coordination of environmental water delivery in the southern-connected Basin, in line with annual environmental watering priorities, so as to achieve the best environmental outcome.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the CEWH has a related accountability, refer to paragraph 33.1 of this Agreement.</p> |
| 20.2: Report when the Basin annual environmental watering priorities are not followed. | By 31 October 2014 and annually thereafter. | <p>A Basin State will provide the MDBA with a statement of reasons as to why environmental watering has not been undertaken in accordance with the Basin annual environmental watering priorities for the relevant water year.</p> <p>The level of detail of these statements will vary depending on the circumstances in which it is not achievable or advisable to adhere to Basin annual environmental watering priorities.</p> <p>The MDBA may publish the statement of reasons on its website.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the CEWH has a related accountability, refer to paragraph 33.5 of this Agreement.</p> |

Basin Plan Obligations
Chapter 9 - Water Quality and Salinity Management Plan

| Tasks | Timing | Standards and processes for delivering tasks |
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| 21: Targets for managing water flows (s9.14). | | |
| <p>21.1: Have regard to flow-related targets on dissolved oxygen, recreational water quality and levels of salinity when performing their functions and when making decisions about the use of environmental water.</p> | <p>From commencement of the Plan.</p> | <p>Schedule 12 requires the parties to report on the extent to which they have had regard to the targets. The Chapter 13 guideline will provide guidance on meeting the reporting requirements related to the obligations identified in this section as per Schedule 12.</p> <p>The MDBA will prepare a proposal for consideration by BPIC for a new guideline providing additional guidance in relation to flow management decisions by the MDBA, BOC and Basin States and when making decisions about the use of environmental water by the CEWH and other environmental water holders and managers.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the CEWH and the MDBA have related accountabilities, refer to paragraphs 34.1 and 54.1 of this Agreement.</p> |
| 22: Incorporation of water quality targets, in water resource plans (ss9.16, 9.17, 9.18). | | |
| <p>22.1: Develop water quality management plans as part of their water resource plans that identify measures to achieve objectives.</p> | <p>In accordance with the work programs for the water resource plans.</p> | <p>The <i>Handbook for Practitioners for Chapter 10, Water Resource Plan Requirements</i> provides guidance regarding the development and accreditation of water resource plans.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the MDBA has a related accountability, refer to paragraph 57.1 of this Agreement.</p> |

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Chapter 9 - Water Quality and Salinity Management Plan

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| 23: Application of salinity targets for the purposes of long-term salinity planning and management (s9.19). | | |
| 23.1: Apply salinity targets in the Murray–Darling Basin Agreement for salinity planning and management. | From commencement of the Plan. | <p>The MDBA, BOC, and Basin States are to undertake any long-term salinity planning and management functions in accordance with the targets in Appendix 1 of Schedule B, including the Basin Salinity Management Strategy Operational Protocols.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the MDBA has a related accountability, refer to paragraph 56.1 of this Agreement.</p> |

Basin Plan Obligations
Chapter 10 - Water Resource Plan Requirements

| Tasks | Timing | Standards and processes for delivering tasks |
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| 24: Development of water resource plans (ss10.01 – 10.55). | | |
| 24.1: Develop water resource plans for accreditation. | <p>Agree a general approach within three months of the first consideration of this matter by BPIC.</p> <p>Agree individual Basin State work programs within 6 months of the settlement of the general approach, or as agreed.</p> | <p>The approach needed to address water resource plan requirements will vary according to local conditions, levels of development and statutory and other arrangements in the water resource plan area.</p> <p>Each Basin State will prepare water resource plans for the Plan’s water resource plan areas.</p> <p>The MDBA and the Basin States agree that the Basin State will use the following types of instruments to inform the content of the Basin State’s water resource plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New South Wales: surface water and groundwater sharing plans; • Victoria: bulk water entitlements, environmental entitlements, groundwater management plans, sustainable water strategies and other instruments of the kind currently in place under the Victorian water planning and management framework. It is noted that this suite of instruments may be amended as a result of the outcomes of the current Victorian Water Law Review and further consideration will be given to the relevant instruments following the completion of that review; • South Australia: water allocation plans; • Queensland: water resource plans and resource operations plans; and • Australian Capital Territory: water management plans. <p>The MDBA and each Basin State will separately agree on what further material would be required for each of the Basin State’s water resource plans as part of individual Basin State work programs.</p> <p>The MDBA and Basin States will collectively settle a general approach to assessment and accreditation and to the key milestones and deliverables to be addressed in the Basin State work programs. Individual Basin State work programs for the preparation of water resource plans will then be agreed with the MDBA with a view to ensure a progressive work flow through to 30 June 2019.</p> <p>If requested by a Basin State, the MDBA and the Basin State will agree on a water resource plan development program for a water resource plan area or areas. The program could include recommended standards for addressing accreditation requirements. The development of the agreed program may be</p> |

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Chapter 10 - Water Resource Plan Requirements

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| | | <p>informed by the risk assessment prepared for the area or areas.</p> <p>The Basin States and the MDBA agree that any risk assessments, advice or water resource plan development programs could be shared through the BPIC – Water Resource Planning Working Group to ensure continuous mutual improvement.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the MDBA has a related accountability, refer to paragraph 58.1 of this Agreement.</p> |
| <p>25: Development of an integrated hydrologic model across the Basin (s10.10).</p> | | |
| <p>25.1: Adopt eWater Source.</p> | <p>As water resource plans are brought forward for accreditation assessment or sooner if achievable.</p> | <p>The MDBA standard for water resource plan accreditation is eWater Source for water resource planning and operations, having regard to the modelling practices of Basin States and the nature of water resource plan areas and operational readiness of the model as it relates to a water resource plan area.</p> <p>The MDBA will consult on the development of eWater Source for hydrological models used as part of the method for determining annual permitted take with BPIC and the BPIC – Water Resource Planning Working Group, and agree separately with each Basin State on the timeframes for its adoption.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the MDBA has a related accountability, refer to paragraph 59.1 of this Agreement.</p> |

Basin Plan obligations
Chapter 11 - Critical Human Water Needs

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| 26: Water quality and salinity trigger points (s11.05). | | |
| 26.1: Determine whether the trigger is reached. | Event based. | <p>If New South Wales, Victoria or South Australia considers the triggers have been reached, its BOC member should advise the Executive Director, River Management Division, MDBA. Emergency response, if required, will be led by BOC and prepared by the MDBA for BOC to then action, with the process to be supported by the Water Liaison Working Group.</p> <p>The <i>Guideline for the triggers and processes for changing water sharing Tiers</i> provides guidance on how the MDBA and Basin States should communicate if the triggers are reached.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the MDBA has a related accountability, refer to paragraph 65.1 of this Agreement.</p> |
| 27: Risk management approach for inter-annual planning for critical human water needs arrangements (s11.08). | | |
| 27.1: Consider the water available for critical human water needs before allocating water to other uses. | By 31 May, each year. | <p>The MDBA will provide the New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia with Water Resource Assessments, from which the States make decisions about allocations. Assessments will be provided at least monthly, and more frequently if conditions warrant.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the MDBA has a related accountability, refer to paragraph 64.1 of this Agreement.</p> |
| 27.2: Make decisions on allocations. | Event based. | <p>During periods of Tier 3 water sharing arrangements, the MDBA will provide the Ministerial Council with Water Resource Assessments, from which New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia make decisions about allocations when determining if water can be made available for uses other than critical human water. Assessments will be provided at least monthly, and more frequently if conditions warrant.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the MDBA has a related accountability, refer to paragraph 64.1 of this Agreement.</p> |

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Chapter 11 - Critical Human Water Needs

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| 28: Commencement and cessation of Tier 3 water sharing arrangements (ss11.15, 11.16). | | |
| 28.1: Determine whether the trigger is reached and Tier 3 applies. | Event based. | <p>The MDBA, through the preparation of the Water Resource Assessment will determine if the appropriate conditions apply. If New South Wales, Victoria or South Australia considers the triggers have been reached, its BOC member should advise the Executive Director, River Management Division, MDBA.</p> <p>The MDBA will publish a notice on its website declaring that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tier 1 or Tier 2 water sharing arrangements cease and Tier 3 water sharing arrangements commence; or • Tier 3 water sharing arrangements cease and Tier 2 water sharing arrangements commence; or • Tier 3 water sharing arrangements cease and Tier 1 water sharing arrangements commence. <p>If conditions require water sharing arrangements to change from Tier 3 to Tier 1, the MDBA will declare that Tier 2 arrangements commenced when Tier 3 arrangements ended but ceased immediately afterwards.</p> <p>The <i>Guideline for the triggers and processes for changing water sharing Tiers</i> provides more information on how the MDBA will communicate a change in water sharing arrangements to the Basin States, the CEWH and the Department.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the MDBA has a related accountability, refer to paragraph 66.1 of this Agreement.</p> |

Basin Plan obligations
Chapter 12 - Water trading rules

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| 29: Restrictions on trade and their application (ss12.02-12.27). | | |
| 29.1: Ensure trades are consistent with the water trading rules. | From 1 July 2014. | <p>From 1 July 2014, water market participants will have the right to trade free of certain restrictions.</p> <p>Trade will be subject to a number of non-discrimination principles.</p> <p>Basin States will review and exercise their best endeavours to ensure that any necessary amendments are made to their water trading rules to ensure they are consistent with the Plan water trading rules by 1 July 2014 or in accordance with the expiry of transitional or interim water resource plans.</p> <p>In addition, surface water trade within a regulated system, between regulated systems or within an unregulated system must be free of any restriction on changing the location at which water can be taken, and not be subject to any volumetric limit, except for defined allowable restrictions.</p> <p>The Basin States are required to notify the MDBA of all restrictions on the trade of surface water and the reasons for the decision within 30 days of commencement of the rules or no later than the date of effect of the restriction.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the MDBA has a related accountability, refer to paragraph 67.2 of this Agreement.</p> |
| 30: Approval processes for trade of water access rights (ss12.37-12.39). | | |
| 30.1: Disclose interests, give reasons if restricting trade, provide notice, and publish on website. | <p>When a trade is proposed and when it has been finalised.</p> <p>Within 30 days after the decision to restrict the trade.</p> | <p>An approval authority must disclose to each party to a proposed trade any legal or commercial interest it, or a related party, has in the water access right to be traded and any commercial interest it has in the activities of any water market intermediary involved in the trade before the trade occurs, as soon as practicable.</p> <p>If an approval authority has approved a trade which it was a party, it must publish that fact including details of the type of water access right. If an approval authority rejects a proposed trade, it must notify the relevant parties in writing of its reasons.</p> <p>An approval authority who has restricted a trade of a water access right for any reason must give notice</p> |

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| | | <p>of the decision and the reasons for the decision as soon as is practicable but in any case within 30 days after the decision to restrict the trade.</p> <p>Note an 'approval authority' as defined in the Plan can include a Basin State.</p> |
| <p>31: Information and reporting requirements (ss12.40-12.51).</p> | | |
| <p>31.1: Provide information on water access rights and water trade rules.</p> | <p>From 1 July 2014.</p> | <p>A Basin State will provide the MDBA with certain information about water access rights conferred under Basin State law. If the information is changed, the Basin State will give the changed information to the MDBA as soon as is practicable, but in any case, no later than the date of effect of the change.</p> <p>A Basin State will provide a copy of the rules regulating the trade of tradeable water rights to the MDBA. If the rules include material by way of a reference to another document the Basin State must explain how the referenced document relates to the rules and the referenced document must be published online.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the MDBA has a related accountability, refer to paragraph 69.1 of this Agreement.</p> |
| <p>31.2: Report trade prices.</p> | <p>From 1 July 2014, either at, or before, the time the approval or registration is sought.</p> | <p>If a trade requires approval by an approval authority, or requires registration, the seller must notify the approval authority, or the registration authority, of the price in writing.</p> <p>Note the definition of 'seller' of water access rights can include the Basin States, the MDBA or the CEWH.</p> |

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| 31.3: Make water announcements generally available. | From 1 July 2014. | <p>Water announcements must be published in a way that makes them likely to be brought to the attention of interested members of the public.</p> <p>Basin States will implement a process to ensure that a person, who is aware of a water announcement before it is generally made available, must not trade a water access right that is subject to the water announcement, or whose price or value would be materially affected by the announcement until that announcement is made.</p> |

**Basin Plan obligations
Chapter 13 - Monitoring and Evaluation Program**

| Tasks | Timing | Standards and processes for delivering tasks |
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| 32: Reporting requirements (ss13.14, 13.15). | | |
| 32.1: Produce a report on each Basin State’s Category B matter listed in Schedule 12. | By 31 October 2014. | 2013-14 reporting year: Basin States will provide reports based on their existing data. |
| | By 31 October 2015. | 2014-15 reporting year: Basin States will provide reports in line with the Plan reporting requirements as per Schedule 12 and the Chapter 13 guideline, to the extent agreed in BPIC – Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group. The guideline sets out a transition process to full reporting. |
| | By 31 October 2016. | 2015-16 reporting year: Basin States will provide reports in line with Basin Plan reporting requirements as per Schedule 12 and the Chapter 13 guideline to the extent agreed in BPIC – Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group. The guideline sets out a transition process to full reporting. |
| | By 31 October 2017 (and annually thereafter). | 2016-17 reporting year (and subsequent years): Basin States will provide reports in line with Basin Plan reporting requirements as per Schedule 12 and the guideline. |
| 32.2: Produce a report on each Basin States Category A matter listed in Schedule 12. | By 31 October 2017 (and 5-yearly thereafter). | 2016-17 reporting year (and five-yearly thereafter): Basin States will provide reports in line with the Plan’s reporting requirements as per Schedule 12 and the guideline. In relation to the first five-yearly reporting requirements under Chapter 13, the parties note that the Basin States and the CEWH will provide reports consistent with proposed arrangements for a transition period to full monitoring and evaluation requirements. |

**Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder
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**Basin Plan obligations
Chapter 8 - Environmental Watering Plan**

| Tasks | Timing | Standards and processes for delivering tasks |
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| 33: Performing functions and exercising powers consistently with the environmental watering plan (ss8.03, 8.25, 8.33-8.41, 8.44). | | |
| 33.1: Perform functions and exercise powers in a way that is consistent with the environmental watering plan. | From commencement of the Plan. | <p>The CEWH will review its operations (and if necessary, revise them) to ensure its functions and powers are exercised in a way that is consistent with the environmental watering plan.</p> <p>This includes acting consistently with the principles to be applied in environmental watering.</p> <p>The CEWH will publish an outcomes framework for environmental watering, which will be reviewed from time to time, that outlines how the expected outcomes from environmental water use will contribute to the achievement of, and be consistent with, the objectives of the environmental watering plan.</p> <p>The CEWH has published a framework and set of criteria that outlines how Commonwealth environmental water use decisions are made, including how this is undertaken consistent with the principles to be applied in environmental watering. The framework and criteria will be reviewed (and if necessary, revised) from time to time, with opportunities for the MDBA and Basin States, or stakeholders, to provide feedback at any time.</p> <p>The CEWH will maximise the environmental benefits and effectiveness of Commonwealth environmental watering through coordinating its use with other environmental water holders and managers of planned environmental water. The CEWH will co-convene with the MDBA, the Environmental Water Holders and River Operators Coordination Forum as referenced in this Agreement, which will support the coordination of environmental water delivery in the southern-connected Basin. The CEWH will participate in Operational Advisory Group(s) (OAG) as necessary and to the extent that the OAG’s functions relate to the CEWH’s statutory functions. Coordinated use will also occur on an ongoing basis among relevant parties outside of the Forum, subject to bilateral or multilateral need.</p> <p>The CEWH will maintain mechanisms for local communities to put forward proposals for Commonwealth environmental water use. These mechanisms will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discussing proposals directly with staff of the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office, including regionally-based local engagement officers; • submitting a proposal via the CEWH’s website; and |

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Chapter 8 - Environmental Watering Plan

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • through relevant Basin State engagement mechanisms. <p>Proposals received through these mechanisms will be assessed in accordance with the CEWH's published framework and criteria for determining Commonwealth environmental water use and considered in collaboration with relevant Basin State delivery partners.</p> <p>The CEWH will work with the MDBA, Basin States, Indigenous representative bodies, such as the Northern Basin Aboriginal Nations (NBAN) and the Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN), and Indigenous communities to explore the need for additional mechanisms for engaging specifically with Indigenous communities, particularly in relation to potential opportunities for environmental water use to achieve mutual environmental and cultural outcomes.</p> |
| 33.2: Perform its functions and exercise its powers in a way that is consistent with the Basin-wide environmental watering strategy. | From the publication of the Basin-wide environmental watering strategy in November 2014. | <p>Following the finalisation of the Basin-wide environmental watering strategy, the CEWH will review its operations (and if necessary, revise them) to ensure its functions and powers are exercised consistent with the Basin-wide environmental watering strategy.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the MDBA has a related accountability, refer to paragraph 50.1 of this Agreement.</p> |
| 33.3: Have regard to the Basin annual environmental watering priorities when performing functions and exercising powers. | From the publication of the first Basin annual environmental watering priorities. | <p>The CEWH will have regard to the Basin annual environmental watering priorities at the time that decisions are made to use Commonwealth environmental water.</p> <p>Consistent with the principles to be applied in environmental watering, other factors that will be considered in decisions to make Commonwealth environmental water available for use may include expected benefits, costs, risks (including to third parties), and monitoring and accounting arrangements to support adaptive management.</p> |

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Chapter 8 - Environmental Watering Plan

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| 33.4: Give information relating to expected holdings of held environmental water. | From commencement of the Plan. | <p>The CEWH will provide information to the MDBA about expected holdings of held Commonwealth environmental water, including quantities, reliability, security class, licence type, limitations, and other characteristics.</p> <p>The CEWH will report on the Commonwealth environmental holdings each month on its website.</p> |
| 33.5: Report when the Basin annual environmental watering priorities are not followed. | By 31 October 2014 and annually thereafter. | <p>The CEWH will provide the MDBA with a statement of reasons as to why environmental watering has not been undertaken in accordance with the Basin annual environmental watering priorities for the relevant water year.</p> <p>The level of detail of these statements will vary depending on the reasons for which any environmental watering was not undertaken in accordance with the Basin annual environmental watering priorities.</p> <p>The MDBA may publish the statement of reasons on its website.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the Basin States have a related accountability, refer to paragraph 20.2 of this Agreement.</p> |

Basin Plan obligations
Chapter 9 - Water Quality and Salinity Management Plan

| Tasks | Timing | Standards and processes for delivering tasks |
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| 34: Targets for managing water flows (s9.14). | | |
| 34.1: Have regard to targets on dissolved oxygen, recreational water quality and levels of salinity when making decisions about the use of environmental water. | From commencement of the Plan. | The CEWH will have regard to the targets as part of the risk assessment for each decision to make Commonwealth environmental water available for use. |

Basin Plan obligations
Chapter 12 - Water trading rules

| Tasks | Timing | Standards and processes for delivering tasks |
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| 35: Information and reporting requirements (ss12.48, 12.49-12.52). | | |
| 35.1: Report trade prices. | From 1 July 2014, either at, or before, the time the approval or registration is sought. | If a trade requires approval by an approval authority or requires registration, where the CEWH is the seller, the CEWH will notify the approval authority or the registration authority of the price in writing. |
| 35.2: Make water announcements generally available. | From 1 July 2014. | The CEWH will publish its water announcements in a way that makes them likely to be brought to the attention of interested members of the public. |
| 35.3: Not trade water if aware of a water announcement before it is made generally available. | From 1 July 2014. | <p>The CEWH will develop, publish and act consistent with a set of protocols regarding trading of water entitlements and allocations. These protocols will be designed to avoid trading if a situation arose where the CEWH were to become aware of a water announcement that was not generally available and could be reasonably expected to materially affect the price or value of any water access right that is the subject of the water announcement.</p> <p>The CEWH will, where it considers it would be appropriate, develop a trading strategy and will make any such trading strategy generally available.</p> |

Basin Plan obligations
Chapter 13 - Monitoring and Evaluation Program

| Tasks | Timing | Standards and processes for delivering tasks |
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| 36: Overview of monitoring and evaluation approach. | | |
| 36.1: Perform its functions and exercise its powers in a way that is consistent with, and in manner that gives effects to, the principles to be applied in monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the Plan. | July 2013 - June 2014. | <p>The CEWH will publish and if necessary update from time to time, a framework that outlines its approach to monitoring, evaluation, reporting and improvement, in a way that is consistent with the principles to be applied in monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the Plan.</p> <p>The CEWH will engage with the MDBA and Basin States on its approach to monitoring evaluation, reporting and improvement.</p> |
| | July 2014 - June 2015. | <p>The CEWH will monitor the response to Commonwealth environmental water at a number of locations across the Basin between 2014-15 and 2018-19. This long-term intervention monitoring and evaluation program will align with the CEWH's published outcomes framework for environmental watering.</p> <p>Consistent with principles 6 and 8 in Chapter 13 of the Plan, the CEWH will work collaboratively with Basin States and the MDBA and will undertake to both avoid duplication of effort and ensure monitoring is cost-effective and efficient. In particular, the CEWH will rely on monitoring undertaken by the MDBA in relation to the specific objectives in the environmental watering plan for the Lower Lakes and Coorong.</p> |

Basin Plan obligations
Chapter 13 - Monitoring and Evaluation Program

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| 37: Reporting requirements (ss13.14, 13.15). | | |
| 37.1: Produce a report on each of the CEWH Category B matter listed in Schedule 12. | By 31 October 2014. | 2013-14 reporting year: The CEWH will provide reports based on their existing data. |
| | By 31 October 2015. | 2014-15 reporting year: The CEWH will provide reports in line with Basin Plan reporting requirements as per Schedule 12 and the Chapter 13 guideline. The guideline sets out a transition process to full reporting. |
| | By 31 October 2016. | 2015-16 reporting year: The CEWH will provide reports in line with Basin Plan reporting requirements as per Schedule 12 and the guideline. The guideline sets out a transition process to full reporting. |
| | By 31 October 2017 (and annually thereafter). | 2016-17 reporting year (and subsequent years): The CEWH will provide reports in line with the Plan's reporting requirements as per Schedule 12 and the guideline. |
| 37.2: Produce a report on each of the CEWH Category A matter listed in Schedule 12. | By 31 October 2017 (and five-yearly thereafter). | 2016-17 reporting year (and five-yearly thereafter): The CEWH will provide reports in line with the Plan reporting requirements as per Schedule 12 and the guideline. In relation to the first five-yearly reporting requirements under Chapter 13, the parties note that the Basin States and the CEWH will provide reports consistent with proposed arrangements for a transition period to full monitoring and evaluation requirements. |

**Murray-Darling Basin Authority
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Basin Plan obligations
Chapter 3 - Water Resource Plan Areas and Water Accounting Periods

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| 38: Identification of water resource plan areas (s3.03). | | |
| 38.1: Identify and publish maps of the water resource plan areas. | <p>Maps are available on the MDBA website.</p> <p>Update as required, within one month of any change being identified as necessary.</p> | <p>The MDBA will identify and hold relevant data sets for the publication on its website of a map that identifies each water resource plan area.</p> <p>The MDBA will consult with BPIC and the BPIC – Water Resource Planning Working Group as appropriate.</p> <p>The MDBA will update a water resource plan area map where, following consultation, a change is identified as necessary. The MDBA will maintain the water resource plan area maps on its website.</p> |

Basin Plan obligations
Chapter 4 - Identification and management of risks to Basin water resources

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| 39: Strategies to manage or address identified risks (s4.03). | | |
| 39.1: Manage current and emerging risks to Basin water resources. | From commencement of the Plan. | <p>The MDBA will have regard to the management strategies to manage or address risks to Basin water resources when undertaking its functions.</p> <p>The MDBA will apply a risk management approach when implementing its functions under the Plan, promoting Basin-wide compliance and assurance reporting and improving knowledge by supporting strategic research partnerships and initiatives focussing on the Basin’s water resources. This will ensure consistent implementation of risk strategies for the key elements of the Plan.</p> |
| 39.2: Identify research priorities to address risks to Basin water resources. | From commencement of the Plan. | <p>The MDBA will, through the BPIC – Water Resource Planning Working Group, identify research priorities to improve knowledge of the impact of climate change, interception activities, land use, floodplain harvesting, peri-urban and industrial take on Basin water resources in a manner consistent with the National Water Knowledge and Research Platform.</p> |
| 40: Guidelines to assist in implementing risk strategies (s4.04). | | |
| 40.1: Develop guidelines that provide further advice on actions that may be taken to implement the risk strategies listed. | Guidelines may be developed as required. | <p>If required, the MDBA will develop guidelines in consultation with BPIC and through the BPIC – Water Resource Planning Working Group.</p> |

**Basin Plan obligations
Chapter 6 - Water that can be taken**

| Tasks | Timing | Standards and processes for delivering tasks |
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| 41: Identification of surface water SDL resource units (s6.02). | | |
| 41.1: Identify and publish surface water SDL resource unit maps. Hold relevant data sets. | Update as required within one month of any change being identified as necessary. | <p>The MDBA will identify and hold relevant data sets and publish on its website maps that identify each surface water SDL resource unit.</p> <p>The MDBA will consult with BPIC and the BPIC – Water Resource Planning Working Group as appropriate.</p> <p>The MDBA will update a surface water SDL resource unit map where, following consultation, a change is identified as necessary. The maps are available on the MDBA website. The MDBA will maintain a surface water SDL resource unit map on its website.</p> |
| 42: Identification of groundwater SDL resource unit (s6.03). | | |
| 42.1: Identify and publish groundwater SDL resource unit maps. Hold relevant data sets. | Update as required within one month of any change being identified as necessary. | <p>The MDBA will identify and hold relevant data sets and publish on its website maps that identify each groundwater SDL resource unit.</p> <p>The MDBA will consult with BPIC and the BPIC – Water Resource Planning Working Group as appropriate.</p> <p>The MDBA will update a groundwater SDL resource unit map where, following consultation, a change is identified as necessary. The maps are available on the MDBA website. The MDBA will maintain a groundwater SDL resource unit map on its website.</p> |
| 43: Reviews of the Plan (s6.06). | | |
| 43.1: Conduct research and investigations to inform reviews of the Basin Plan. Publish the results. | Undertake a review as identified by the MDBA, or as requested by the Murray–Darling Basin Ministerial Council or the Minister (s50 of | <p>The MDBA will conduct research and investigations for the purpose of informing any reviews of the Plan and publish on its website any reports produced as a result of this research or investigation.</p> <p>The MDBA will develop and implement a strategy to provide new knowledge to future Basin Plan reviews and consider any new information to inform reviews of the Plan and update the relevant aspects of the Plan. The MDBA will consult through BPIC on the development of the strategy.</p> <p>The MDBA will work closely with the Basin States, relevant Commonwealth agencies and with the community to develop and implement the review process.</p> |

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Chapter 6 - Water that can be taken**

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| | <p>the Act).</p> <p>MDBA to develop new knowledge strategy by June 2015.</p> | <p>Any work under this obligation will be conducted in a way that considers the other review activity under ss13.07-13.09 of the Plan.</p> <p>The MDBA will finalise the reviews and publish its final report on research or investigations conducted to inform the reviews of the Plan on its website.</p> |
| <p>43.2: Arrange reviews of groundwater SDL resource units in three WRP areas.</p> <p>Ensure that each review considers all relevant information.</p> <p>Publish the results.</p> | <p>By November 2014.</p> | <p>The MDBA will arrange reviews of groundwater SDL resource units in three water resource plan areas (two in New South Wales and one in Victoria). MDBA will consult with the Basin States in relation to the appointment of experts to participate in reviews and on the review itself.</p> <p>The MDBA will publish on its website any reports produced as a result of this research or investigation.</p> <p>For each review, the MDBA in consultation with the relevant Basin State will: develop the review objectives and the method; develop terms of reference for the review panel; appoint members of the review panel; appoint an independent expert to prepare the synthesis report of available information for the review panel; arrange the reviews; finalise the reviews; and publish final reports on its website.</p> <p>The outcomes of the reviews are to be provided to BPIC for their information prior to publication.</p> |
| <p>43.3: Undertake a review of the work underpinning the SDLs in the Northern Basin, including the basis for the long-term average sustainable diversion limits for surface water and groundwater SDL</p> | <p>By December 2015.</p> | <p>The MDBA will undertake the review of the work underpinning SDLs for the Northern Basin, in collaboration with New South Wales and Queensland, who will participate in the review and advise on associated studies, processes and final recommendations.</p> <p>The MDBA has established a Northern Basin Advisory Committee (NBAC) to provide independent strategic advice to the MDBA on how an adaptive Basin Plan can be implemented in the Northern Basin.</p> <p>The MDBA, New South Wales and Queensland have endorsed the formation of the Northern Basin Intergovernmental Working Group, a technical reference panel of Queensland, New South Wales and Commonwealth officials (MDBA, the CEWH and the Department), to provide advice on developing and implementing the Northern Basin work program.</p> <p>The work program for 2012-13 was developed in consultation with NBAC and the Northern Basin</p> |

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| resource units. | | <p>Intergovernmental Working Group, and both groups are working with the MDBA to develop and implement the remaining three years of the Northern Basin scientific and socio-economic work program through 2015-16.</p> <p>The MDBA commits to provide funding of \$1 million per year over the three financial years (2013-14 to 2015-16) to be allocated by the MDBA for projects under the Northern Basin work program, noting that the scope and funding amounts for particular projects will be determined by the MDBA in light of advice from established consultative arrangements with the New South Wales and Queensland governments and NBAC.</p> <p>The Commonwealth has committed to provide \$822,000 in Commonwealth funding for the <i>Floodplain vegetation watering requirements proposal</i>, subject to the outcomes of the scoping study for Queensland now underway. The project would be delivered over three financial years, from 2013-14 to 2014-15, through the Murray–Darling Freshwater Research Centre, who will work with research providers in the Northern Basin.</p> |
| 44: Register of Take (s6.08). | | |
| 44.1: Establish, maintain and publish a register of take. | Annually for each water year commencing from 1 July 2019, or earlier as agreed. | <p>The MDBA will develop and maintain a register of take using Basin States’ monitoring and reporting information, following consultation, for the purpose of assessing diversion compliance.</p> <p>The MDBA will consult with BPIC and the BPIC – Water Resource Planning Working Group on the establishment and maintenance of the register.</p> <p>Basin States will provide data for the register in accordance with their reporting requirements under s71 of the Act.</p> <p>The register will reflect sustainable diversion limits for the 2019-20 water year and annually thereafter. The MDBA may publish a register of take earlier than the 2019-20 water year, subject to consultation with Basin States.</p> <p>If the register of take is published earlier than the 2019-20 water year, then the MDBA will publish the register of take annually thereafter.</p> |

**Basin Plan obligations
Chapter 7 - Constraints Management Strategy**

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| 45: Constraints Management Strategy (s7.08). | | |
| 45.1: Develop and implement a consultation process. | To November 2013. | <p>The MDBA will prepare the Constraints Management Strategy by the end of 2013 in consultation with parties and the community, and publish that strategy on the MDBA website. The MDBA will report to Ministerial Council annually thereafter on progress.</p> <p>The MDBA will consult with Basin States on appropriate processes through which to engage at a regional level.</p> <p>The MDBA will invite Basin States to participate in Constraints Management Strategy consultation.</p> |
| 45.2: Identify constraints and develop a prioritisation approach. | May - September 2013. | <p>The MDBA will undertake a stocktake of constraints in consultation with Basin States and the CEWH.</p> <p>The MDBA will develop an approach for prioritising constraints. The MDBA will consult on this approach with Basin States and the CEWH through a workshop.</p> |
| 45.3: Prioritise constraints and develop options including identification of risks and mitigation measures. | May - September 2013. | <p>The MDBA will prioritise constraints using the prioritisation approach, and develop and evaluate options. The evaluation will include the identification of risks, including risks to third parties and dam operators. The MDBA will also identify mitigation measures. The MDBA will consult with Basin States and CEWH on these matters.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the Basin States have a related accountability, refer to paragraph 14.1 of this Agreement.</p> |
| 45.4: Release draft strategy for comment. | September - October 2013. | The MDBA will consult with all parties and the community on the draft strategy. |
| 45.5: Revise draft strategy and publish final strategy. | November 2013. | The MDBA will revise the draft strategy, based on comments from Basin States, the CEWH and the community and publish the final strategy on its website. |

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Chapter 7 - Constraints Management Strategy

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| 45.6: Scope a constraints work program. | December 2013 - June 2014. | <p>In consultation with Basin States, the MDBA will develop a work program for the Constraints Management Strategy, including further consultation on any necessary development of projects.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the Basin States have a related accountability, refer to paragraph 14.2 of this Agreement.</p> |
| 45.7: Provide annual reports to Ministerial Council on progress with implementing Strategy. | Annually from June 2014. | The MDBA will assess and report on progress against recommendations in the strategy, in consultation with Basin States. |
| 45.8: Amend the Constraints Management Strategy as appropriate. | As new information becomes available. | <p>The MDBA will consider new information and progress in implementing the Constraints Management Strategy and update, as required, in consultation with all parties and the community.</p> <p>Amendments to the Constraints Management Strategy will be prepared by the MDBA in consultation with the Basin States and the CEWH. The MDBA will consult with the Basin States on appropriate processes through which to undertake public consultation on any amendments.</p> |

Basin Plan Obligations
Chapter 7 - Sustainable Diversion Limits Adjustment Mechanism

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| 46: Development of methods for calculating supply and efficiency contributions (ss7.14-7.17, 7.20, Schedule 6). | | |
| 46.1: Develop key elements of the default method as outlined in Schedule 6. | By December 2013. | <p>The MDBA will develop the supply contribution method, including the ecological elements project and the benchmark model including consideration of unimplemented policy measures, in consultation with the parties through SDLAAC.</p> <p>Scientific expertise will be engaged by the MDBA in consultation with Basin States to provide advice on the development of the ecological elements.</p> |
| 46.2: Advise Basin States on the feasibility of supply measure proposals. | By 31 December 2015. | The MDBA will assist SDLAAC to assess the feasibility of supply measure proposals, including through the provision of technical advice and modelling, once the benchmark model and the ecological elements scoring method are complete. |
| 46.3: Develop alternative methods for determining supply contribution. | By 30 June 2016. | If agreed between the MDBA and BOC, the MDBA will develop alternative methods in consultation through SDLAAC. |
| 46.4: Develop proposed approach to incorporating efficiency measures into the SDL adjustment mechanism. | By 30 June 2016. | <p>The MDBA will develop an approach on how the 2016 SDL adjustment could incorporate the progressive recovery of water from efficiency measures, in consultation with Basin States.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the Basin States have a related accountability, refer to paragraphs 15.1 and 15.2 of this Agreement.</p> |

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Chapter 7 - Sustainable Diversion Limits Adjustment Mechanism

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| 47: Notification and registration of measures (ss7.12, 7.13). | | |
| 47.1: Maintain a register of notified measures and publish on website. | From receipt of notifications. | The MDBA will establish the register as soon as practicable after it receives its first notification. The MDBA will update the register, as soon as practicable, after receiving additional notifications or amendments to existing notifications. A process for receiving notifications and updating the register will be developed by the MDBA in consultation with Basin States. |
| 48: Determining and proposing initial adjustment amounts (ss7.10, 7.15-7.20, 7.23). | | |
| 48.1: Determine the amounts of proposed SDL adjustments resulting from any measures notified by 30 June 2016. | As soon as practicable after June 2016. | Using the methods developed in consultation with Basin States, the CEWH, the Department and relevant members of the science community, the MDBA will determine contributions from notified supply measures (taking into consideration the impact of unimplemented policy measures) and efficiency measures and propose adjustments amounts. Before proposing an adjustment, the MDBA must seek and consider advice from BOC and submissions from members of the community. |
| 48.2: Determine how SDL adjustments relating to shared reduction amounts will be re-allocated at the SDL resource unit scale. | By 31 May 2016. | If no request is received by 31 May 2016, the MDBA will advise the relevant Basin State of the default re-allocation and apply re-allocation adjustments consistent with any advice received from relevant Basin States by 30 June 2016. For associated provisions for which the Basin States have a related accountability, refer to paragraph 16.1 of this Agreement. |
| 48.3: Propose SDL adjustments. | By 30 June 2016. | The MDBA will prepare amendments to the Plan, for adoption by the Minister (under section 23B of the Act). The MDBA will consult with Basin States through BOC, or other committees as appropriate, on the implications of a proposal on any declared Ramsar wetland. The MDBA will advise the Minister on the implications of an SDL adjustment amount proposal for any declared Ramsar wetland. The advice will be |

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Chapter 7 - Sustainable Diversion Limits Adjustment Mechanism

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| | | provided as part of the package of information presented to the Minister when proposing an adjustment amount. |
| 49: Reconcile final adjustment amount (ss7.11, 7.21). | | |
| 49.1: Determine new amounts for proposed SDL adjustments based on any changes to initial notified measures and receipt of new notifications for additional efficiency measures. | By 30 June 2024. | <p>Using the methods developed in consultation with parties and relevant scientific experts, the MDBA will determine contributions from notified supply and efficiency measures and propose adjustment amounts.</p> <p>The MDBA will only make a determination to propose adjustments if it has sought and considered advice from BOC and submissions from members of the public.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the Basin States have a related accountability, refer to paragraphs 17.1 and 17.2 of this Agreement.</p> |
| 49.2: Propose SDL adjustments based on a new determination as at 30 June 2024. | By 30 June 2024. | <p>The MDBA will prepare amendments to the Plan, for adoption by the Minister (under section 23B of the Act).</p> <p>The MDBA will consult with Basin States through BOC, or other committees as appropriate, on the implications of a proposal on any declared Ramsar wetland. The MDBA will advise the Minister on the implications of an SDL adjustment amount proposal for any declared Ramsar wetland. The advice will be provided as part of the package of information presented to the Minister when proposing a new adjustment amount.</p> |

**Basin Plan Obligations
Chapter 8 - Environmental Watering Plan**

| Tasks | Timing | Standards and processes for delivering tasks |
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| 50: Basin-wide environmental watering strategy (ss8.11-8.17). | | |
| 50.1: Prepare a Basin-wide environmental watering strategy. | June - September 2013. | <p>In preparing the Basin-wide environmental watering strategy, the MDBA will have regard to items listed under s8.15(4) including consultation requirements and the water quality and salinity objectives and targets specified in the water quality and salinity management plan.</p> <p>The MDBA will consult with environmental water holders and Basin States on the development of the Basin-wide environmental watering strategy through the BPIC – Environmental Watering Working Group. This includes early consultation about the scope of the Basin-wide environmental watering strategy and the process for developing it, including community engagement.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the Basin States and the CEWH have related accountabilities, refer to paragraphs 18.1 and 33.2 of this Agreement.</p> |
| | March 2014. | The MDBA will publish a draft Basin-wide environmental watering strategy for public consultation. |
| | November 2014. | The MDBA will publish the Basin-wide environmental watering strategy. |
| | Ongoing. | The MDBA will review and update the Basin-wide environmental watering strategy in consultation with environmental water holders, Basin States and stakeholders at intervals not exceeding five years. |
| 51: Basin annual environmental watering priorities (ss8.27-8.31). | | |
| 51.1: Prepare Basin annual environmental watering priorities each year. | January 2014. Reviewed each following January. | <p>In consultation with Basin States and the CEWH, in the first year the MDBA will develop a framework, method and process for development of Basin annual environmental watering priorities and in subsequent years review that framework based on feedback and evaluation of previous year’s priorities.</p> <p>The MDBA will provide advice to Basin States in developing their annual environmental watering priorities, if requested.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the Basin States and the CEWH have related accountabilities, refer to paragraphs 19.1 and 33.3 of this Agreement.</p> |

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| | By 31 May each year. | The MDBA will consult with environmental water holders and Basin States on proposed Basin annual environmental watering priorities through the BPIC – Environmental Watering Working Group. |
| | April - June each year. | The MDBA will have regard to the annual environmental watering priorities provided by the Basin States. The MDBA will develop the draft Basin annual environmental watering priorities via multilateral consultation through the BPIC – Environmental Watering Working Group, and bilateral consultations with Basin States and the CEWH. |
| | By 30 June each year. | The MDBA will publish the Basin annual environmental watering priorities. |
| | July - December each year. | The MDBA will seek stakeholder feedback on the process for developing Basin annual environmental watering priorities to inform the process in the following year. The MDBA will evaluate whether priorities are met, based on annual reporting requirements and reporting of where Basin annual environmental watering priorities are not followed. The MDBA will review the prioritisation framework and process. For associated provisions for which the Basin States and the CEWH have related accountabilities, refer to paragraphs 20.2 and 33.5 of this Agreement. |

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Chapter 8 - Environmental Watering Plan**

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| 52: Environmental assets and ecosystem functions database (s8.48). | | |
| 52.1 Establish and maintain an assets and functions database. | By June 2014. | The MDBA will prepare a draft strategy for developing and maintaining the environmental assets and functions database. The MDBA will consult on the strategy through the BPIC – Environmental Watering Working Group. |
| | From July 2014. | The MDBA will implement the strategy as agreed. The MDBA may publish this database on its website. |

Basin Plan Obligations
Chapter 9 - Water Quality and Salinity Management Plan

| Tasks | Timing | Standards and processes for delivering tasks |
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| 53: Salt export objective (s9.09). | | |
| 53.1: Conduct an annual assessment of the extent to which the salt export objective is met against the indicative figure of a minimum 2 million tonnes per year. | By October 2013. March 2015 and annually for each water accounting period thereafter. | <p>The MDBA will use the <i>Approach for estimating salt export from the River Murray System to the Southern Ocean, Method 1: Observed data</i> to estimate the discharge of salt out the Murray Mouth for 2012-13 and <i>Method 2: BIGMOD model for the Lower Murray</i> from 2013-14, once the data has been provided by relevant Basin States.</p> <p>The MDBA will refine the <i>Approach for estimating salt export from the River Murray System to the Southern Ocean, Method 3: BMT WBM 2-D hydrodynamic model</i> in consultation with the BPIC – Water Resource Planning Working Group and the BPIC – Water Quality Taskforce in advance of the reporting period for which it may be used.</p> <p>The MDBA will annually estimate salt export, and publish the estimate on its website.</p> |
| 54: Targets for managing water flows (s9.14). | | |
| 54.1: Have regard to flow-related targets on dissolved oxygen, recreational water quality and levels of salinity when making decisions about the use of environmental water. | From commencement of the Plan. | <p>The MDBA will prepare a proposal for consideration by BPIC for a new guideline providing additional guidance in relation to flow management decisions by the MDBA, BOC and Basin States and in relation to environmental water use decisions by the CEWH and other environmental water holders and managers.</p> <p>Schedule 12 requires the parties to report on the extent to which they have had regard to the targets. The Chapter 13 guideline will provide guidance on meeting the reporting requirements related to the obligations identified in this section as per Schedule 12.</p> |

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Chapter 9 - Water Quality and Salinity Management Plan

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| 54.2: Monitor salinity levels at five sites on a daily basis and report at the end of each water accounting period. | By October 2013. March 2015 and annually for each water accounting period thereafter. | The MDBA will assess whether the salinity targets have been met over the period that consists of that water accounting period and the previous four water accounting periods. Once this assessment has been carried out the MDBA will publish this assessment on its website. |
| 55: Incorporation of water quality targets in water resource plans (ss9.16-9.18). | | |
| 55.1: Publish a map. | From commencement of the Plan. | A map that identifies each target application zone for water quality targets for fresh water-dependent ecosystems has been published on the MDBA website. |
| 56: Application of salinity targets for the purposes of long-term salinity planning and management (s9.19). | | |
| 56.1: Apply salinity targets in the Murray–Darling Basin Agreement for salinity planning and management. | From commencement of the Plan. | The MDBA, BOC, and Basin States are to undertake any long-term salinity planning and management functions in accordance with the targets in Appendix 1 of Schedule B, including the Basin Salinity Management Strategy Operational Protocols. For associated provisions for which the Basin States have a related accountability, refer to paragraph 23.1 of this Agreement. |

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Chapter 9 - Water Quality and Salinity Management Plan

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| 57: Guidelines (s9.13). | | |
| 57.1: Prepare and publish guidelines relating to water quality targets. | As agreed through BPIC. | <p>MDBA will prepare a proposal for consideration by BPIC for a new guideline providing additional guidance in relation to flow management decisions by the MDBA, BOC and Basin States and when making decisions about the use of environmental water by the CEWH and other environmental water holders and managers. BPIC will then decide the process for the guideline to be developed.</p> <p>The <i>Handbook for Practitioners for Chapter 10, Water Resource Plan Requirements</i> and Chapter 13 guideline are to be completed by 31 October 2013.</p> |

Basin Plan Obligations
Chapter 10 - Water Resource Plan Requirements

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| 58: Assessment of water resource plans (ss10.01 - 10.55). | | |
| 58.1: Assess water resource plans for accreditation. | <p>Agree a general approach within three months of the first consideration of this matter by BPIC.</p> <p>Agree individual Basin State work programs within 6 months of the settlement of the general approach, or as agreed.</p> | <p>The approach needed to address water resource plan requirements will vary according to local conditions, levels of development and statutory and other arrangements in the water resource plan area.</p> <p>Each Basin State will prepare water resource plans for the Plan’s water resource plan areas.</p> <p>The MDBA and the Basin States agree that the Basin State will use the following types of instruments to inform the content of the Basin State’s water resource plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New South Wales: surface water and groundwater sharing plans; • Victoria: bulk water entitlements, environmental entitlements, groundwater management plans, sustainable water strategies and other instruments of the kind currently in place under the Victorian water planning and management framework. It is noted that this suite of instruments may be amended as a result of the outcomes of the current Victorian Water Law Review and further consideration will be given to the relevant instruments following the completion of that review; • South Australia: water allocation plans; • Queensland: water resource plans and resource operations plans; and • Australian Capital Territory: water management plans. <p>The MDBA and each Basin State will separately agree on what further material would be required for each of the Basin State’s water resource plans as part of individual Basin State work programs.</p> <p>The MDBA and Basin States will collectively settle a general approach to assessment and accreditation and to the key milestones and deliverables to be addressed in the Basin State work programs. Individual Basin State work programs for the preparation of water resource plans will then be agreed with the MDBA with a view to ensuring a progressive work flow through to 30 June 2019.</p> <p>If requested by a Basin State, the MDBA and the Basin State will agree on a water resource plan development program for a water resource plan area or areas. The program could include recommended standards for addressing accreditation requirements. The development of the agreed program may be</p> |

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Chapter 10 - Water Resource Plan Requirements

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| | | <p>informed by the risk assessment prepared for the area or areas.</p> <p>The Basin States and the MDBA agree that any risk assessments, advice or water resource plan development programs could be shared through the BPIC – Water Resource Planning Working Group to ensure continuous mutual improvement.</p> <p>Water resource plans must identify the objectives and outcomes based on indigenous values and uses and be prepared having regard to the views of relevant indigenous organisations with respect to cultural flows. The MDBA will consult with relevant indigenous organisations, including MLDRIN and NBAN, with respect to these matters during the assessment of water resource plans for accreditation.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the Basin States have a related accountability, refer to paragraph 24.1 of this Agreement.</p> |
| <p>58.2: Convene water planners' forum.</p> | <p>Annually, commencing March 2014.</p> | <p>The MDBA will, commencing in 2014, convene an annual water planners' forum to which all parties will be invited to share experiences and new information relevant to the development of water resource plans for accreditation. Discussions at these forums may be used to inform updates of the <i>Handbook for Practitioners for Chapter 10, Water Resource Plan Requirements</i>.</p> |
| <p>58.3: Prepare the <i>Handbook for Practitioners for Chapter 10, Water Resource Plan Requirements</i>.</p> | <p>By 31 October 2013.</p> | <p>The MDBA's <i>Handbook for Practitioners for Chapter 10, Water Resource Plan Requirements</i>, is a key source of guidance for the preparation of water resource plans.</p> <p>The MDBA will maintain and improve the Handbook based on new information and experience gained as new plans are developed and accredited. The MDBA will consult with Basin States through the BPIC – Water Resource Planning Working Group prior to making any changes to the Handbook, provide adequate time for Basin States to respond and have regard to any comments made by Basin States in relation to the proposed changes.</p> |

**Basin Plan Obligations
Chapter 10 - Water Resource Plan Requirements**

| Tasks | Timing | Standards and processes for delivering tasks |
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| 59: Development of an integrated hydrologic model across the Basin (s10.10). | | |
| 59.1: Adopt eWater Source. | As water resource plans are brought forward for accreditation assessment or sooner if achievable. | <p>The MDBA standard for water resource plan accreditation is eWater Source for water resource planning and operations, having regard to the modelling practices of Basin States and the nature of water resource plan areas and operational readiness of the model as it relates to a water resource plan area.</p> <p>The MDBA will consult on the development of eWater Source for hydrological models used as part of the method for determining annual permitted take with BPIC and the BPIC – Water Resource Planning Working Group, and agree separately with each Basin State on the timeframes for its adoption.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the Basin States have a related accountability, refer to paragraph 25.1 of this Agreement.</p> |

**Basin Plan Obligations
Cap to Sustainable Diversion Limits Transition**

| Tasks | Timing | Standards and processes for delivering tasks |
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| 60: Establishment of diversion reporting arrangements for Basin water resources (s6.08). | | |
| 60.1: Prepare a work program to develop and implement a monitoring and reporting framework for diversions for all SDL resource units for commencement on 1 July 2019. | By 31 March 2014. | <p>In consultation with Basin States, the MDBA will lead the development and implementation of a framework for water diversion accounting to be ready for the commencement of SDLs on 1 July 2019. This work will ensure the smooth commencement of SDL accounting and provide for the transition from Cap to SDL arrangements.</p> <p>The BPIC – Water Resource Planning Working Group will lead the development of a work program associated with this task and provide policy and technical advice to BPIC.</p> |
| 61: Review of long-term diversion limit equivalence factors. | | |
| 61.1: Review of long-term diversion limit equivalence factors. | To commence in July 2014 and to be completed by 30 June 2016. | <p>Long-term diversion limit equivalence factors reflect the reliability of water access rights of the water resource plan area.</p> <p>In consultation with Basin States, the MDBA will develop a work program and processes for the timing and revision of the long-term diversion limit equivalence factors through the BPIC – Water Resource Planning Working Group. The work program will outline the processes for stakeholder consultation.</p> <p>The MDBA will consult with the BPIC – Water Resource Planning Working Group and BPIC, as appropriate. The MDBA will provide the proposed changes to the long-term diversion limit equivalence factors to the Ministerial Council for consideration.</p> |

**Basin Plan obligations
Chapter 11 - Critical Human Water Needs**

| Tasks | Timing | Standards and processes for delivering tasks |
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| 62: Process for assessing inflows (s11.06). | | |
| 62.1: Monitor and review inflow volumes within the River Murray System. | Continuous monitoring. Prepare inflow scenarios by 30 June each year from 2013. | <p>Within the River Murray System, the MDBA must monitor and review inflow volumes taking into account the best possible inflow information, tributary inflows, daily, monthly and seasonal weather conditions and trends in climate and inflow patterns. The MDBA and the Basin States maintain a hydrometric network to monitor inflows.</p> <p>In preparing the Annual Operating Plan and Water Resource Assessment and the <i>Objectives and Outcomes for River Operations in the River Murray System (2013)</i>, the MDBA must use the processes set out in the Plan to prepare a range of inflow scenarios. The MDBA regularly reviews its inflow scenarios, including forecast inflows from the Snowy water licence, based on the calculations set out in Part III of Schedule F to the Murray–Darling Basin Agreement.</p> <p>The Annual Operating Plan and Water Resource Assessment are prepared in consultation with the southern Basin States, through the Water Liaison Working Group.</p> |
| 63: Process for managing risks to critical human water needs associated with inflow prediction (s11.07). | | |
| 63.1: Assess the risks of insufficient conveyance water, insufficient water for the conveyance reserve, and whether the water quality and salinity triggers have been reached. Determine whether any advances under | By 30 June each year from 2013. | <p>The MDBA will assess and manage the risks to critical human water needs associated with inflow prediction and in conducting its river operations functions.</p> <p>The Annual Operating Plan and monthly Water Resource Assessments consider risks to critical human water needs associated with a range of water availability/inflow scenarios including the risk of insufficient conveyance water, conveyance reserve or where the water quality and salinity triggers are reached under the range of water availability/inflow scenarios.</p> <p>Each determination of annual water availability is calculated using data and models agreed to by each of the Basin States.</p> <p>The MDBA will consider the risk to critical human water needs of any advances under clause 102C or Schedule H. If advances are required, or forecast to be required, the Annual Operating Plan will identify and assess any risks to critical human water needs associated with making these advances.</p> |

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Chapter 11 - Critical Human Water Needs**

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| the Murray–Darling Basin Agreement are required. | | |
| 63.2: Undertake Water Resource Assessments. | As required. | The MDBA prepares Water Resource Assessments, usually prepared monthly but may be more frequent if conditions are very dry. As part of the preparation of the assessments, the MDBA regularly reviews its inflow scenarios, in consultation with the Water Liaison Working Group. |
| 64: Risk management approach for inter-annual planning for critical human water needs arrangements (s11.08). | | |
| 64.1: Undertake inter-annual planning for critical human water needs. | Monthly, from January to June each year. | <p>The MDBA’s risk management approach for inter-annual planning for critical human water needs is based on: the conveyance reserve under s11.12(2); the range of inflows predicted under s11.06; the risk management processes under s11.07; the efficient operation of the River Murray System and the <i>Objectives and Outcomes for River Operations in the River Murray System</i>; monitoring and forecasting of water quality data in the River Murray System; and communication between the MDBA, Basin States and private providers of water quality data.</p> <p>From January to June each year the Water Resource Assessment the MDBA prepares includes a forecast of the water available in the next water year. This second year forecast will be based on the matters listed under s11.08(1) of the Plan. The Water Resource Assessments are prepared in consultation with the southern Basin States, through the Water Liaison Working Group.</p> <p>The MDBA will use information from the existing River Murray Water Quality Monitoring Program as the basis for identifying water quality risks to critical human water needs.</p> <p>When making decisions about the volume of water available to the Basin States in a particular year, and whether water can be set aside for the conveyance reserve, the MDBA must have regard to the Water Resource Assessments which form the basis for decisions on the water available to Basin States, including if water can be set aside for the conveyance reserve.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the Basin States have a related accountability, refer to paragraphs 27.1 and 27.2 of this Agreement.</p> |

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Chapter 11 - Critical Human Water Needs

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| 65: Commencement and cessation of Tier 2 water sharing arrangements (ss11.09, 11.10). | | |
| 65.1: Determine if the trigger is reached and Tier 1 or 2 applies. | Event based. | <p>The MDBA, through the preparation of the Water Resource Assessment, will determine if the triggers detailed in s11.09 have been reached, or if the appropriate conditions apply.</p> <p>The MDBA will publish a notice on its website declaring that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tier 1 water sharing arrangements cease and Tier 2 water sharing arrangements commence; or • Tier 2 water sharing arrangements cease and Tier 1 water sharing arrangements commence. <p>The <i>Guideline on the triggers and process for moving between water sharing Tiers</i> provides more information on how the MDBA will communicate a change in water sharing arrangements to the Basin States and Commonwealth.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the Basin States have a related accountability, refer to paragraph 26.1 of this Agreement.</p> |
| 66: Commencement and cessation of Tier 3 water sharing arrangements (ss11.15, 11.16). | | |
| 66.1: Determine if the trigger is reached and Tier 3 applies. | Event based. | <p>The MDBA, through the preparation of the Water Resource Assessment will determine if the appropriate conditions apply. If New South Wales, Victoria or South Australia considers the triggers have been reached, its BOC member should advise the Executive Director, River Management Division, MDBA.</p> <p>The MDBA will publish a notice on its website declaring that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tier 1 or Tier 2 water sharing arrangements cease and Tier 3 water sharing arrangements commence; or • Tier 3 water sharing arrangements cease and Tier 2 water sharing arrangements commence; or • Tier 3 water sharing arrangements cease and Tier 1 water sharing arrangements commence. <p>If conditions require water sharing arrangements to change from Tier 3 to Tier 1, the MDBA will declare that Tier 2 arrangements commenced when Tier 3 arrangements ended but ceased immediately</p> |

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Chapter 11 - Critical Human Water Needs

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| | | <p>afterwards.</p> <p>The <i>Guideline on the triggers and process for moving between water sharing Tiers</i> provides more information on how the MDBA will communicate a change in water sharing arrangements to the Basin States and Commonwealth.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the Basin States have a related accountability, refer to paragraph 28.1 of this Agreement.</p> |

Basin Plan obligations
Chapter 12 - Water trading rules

| Tasks | Timing | Strategies and processes for delivering tasks |
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| 67: Restrictions on trade and their application (ss12.02-12.27). | | |
| 67.1: Review trade exemptions for intergovernmental agreements. | From 1 July 2020. | <p>The MDBA will review the operation of the exemptions on restrictions on trades conducted pursuant to inter-governmental agreements.</p> <p>In conducting the review, the MDBA must obtain advice from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC). The MDBA will consult closely with the ACCC on this matter.</p> |
| 67.2: Ensure trades are consistent with the water trading rules. | From 1 July 2014. | <p>The MDBA will consult with Basin States through the BPIC – Water Trade Working Group in order to ensure regular targeted examination of Basin States’ water trading rules to assess whether those rules are consistent with the Plan.</p> <p>The MDBA may examine trading activity conducted within Basin States to ensure that it is consistent with the restrictions on trade and the right to trade free of certain restrictions.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the Basin States have a related accountability, refer to paragraph 29.1 of this Agreement.</p> |
| 67.3: Prepare guidelines. | By 31 December 2013. | <p>The MDBA will prepare guidelines in consultation with BPIC and through the BPIC – Water Trade Working Group. These guidelines will provide supporting information to assist in understanding the requirements of the water trading rules. These requirements address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rights to trade free of certain restrictions; • managing restrictions on trade within and between regulated systems, notification and declaration processes; • application and use of exchange rates; • groundwater trade; and • trade of water delivery rights and information about water delivery rights and irrigation rights. |

**Basin Plan obligations
Chapter 12 - Water trading rules**

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| 68: Declarations on allowable restrictions on permitted use of exchange rates (ss12.18 and s12.22). | | |
| 68.1: Make a declaration on allowable restrictions on trade. | From 1 July 2014. | If a Basin State requests and the MDBA is satisfied that the restriction is necessary, the MDBA will make a written declaration that a restriction is allowable. The MDBA will publish its decision and the reasons for it on its website. |
| 68.2: Make a declaration on permitted use of exchange rates. | From 1 July 2014. | The MDBA will make a written declaration permitting a specified exchange rate if a Basin State requests, and the MDBA is satisfied that it is for the purpose of addressing transmission losses, or to redress the impact of previous exchange rate trades. The MDBA will publish the declaration on its website. |
| 68.3: Prepare guidelines. | By 31 December 2013. | The MDBA will prepare guidelines on the declaration process and on the application and use of exchange rates and tags in consultation with BPIC and through the BPIC – Water Trade Working Group. These guidelines will provide supporting information to assist in understanding the requirements of the water trading rules. |
| 69: Information and reporting requirements (ss12.40-12.51). | | |
| 69.1: Publish information about water access rights and trading rules. | From 1 July 2014. | <p>The MDBA will determine the form in which information is to be provided, and will publish information provided to it (or nominate a central information point for publication).</p> <p>The MDBA will not require information to be given more than once per water accounting period, unless information is changed.</p> <p>For associated provisions for which the Basin States have a related accountability, refer to paragraph 31.3 of this Agreement.</p> |

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Chapter 12 - Water trading rules**

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| 69.2: Make water announcements generally available. | From 1 July 2014. | <p>Water announcements will be published in a way that makes them likely to be brought to the attention of interested members of the community.</p> <p>The MDBA will implement a process to ensure that a person, who is aware of a water announcement before it is generally made available, must not trade a water access right that is subject to the water announcement, or whose price or value would be materially affected by the announcement until that announcement is made.</p> |
| 69.3: Prepare guidelines. | By 31 December 2013. | <p>The MDBA will prepare guidelines on the information and reporting requirements of Chapter 12, types of information about water access rights, how trading rules are to be made available, price to be reported, water announcements, insider trading and Chinese walls in consultation with BPIC and through the BPIC – Water Trade Working Group and with the CEWH. These guidelines will provide supporting information to assist in understanding the requirements of the water trading rules.</p> |

Basin Plan obligations
Chapter 13 - Monitoring and Evaluation Program

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| 70: Reporting requirements (ss13.14, 13.15,13.16). | | |
| 70.1: Prepare a guideline for the reporting requirements. | By 31 October 2013. | The MDBA will prepare a guideline providing advice on required reporting and timeframes. |
| | October - December 2013. | <p>The MDBA will consult with BPIC and through the BPIC – Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group on Basin State reporting requirements. The MDBA will analyse these requirements in relation to what Basin States monitor, by identifying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • current monitoring that meets the Plan reporting requirements; • where current monitoring and the Plan reporting requirements are similar but not identical and how to address this; and • where they do not monitor matters for which there are Plan reporting requirements and how to address these gaps. <p>The MDBA will reach an agreement with the Department by 31 August 2013 in respect to the Department’s reporting requirements.</p> <p>The CEWH will develop a monitoring framework to address its reporting requirements, to commence 1 July 2014.</p> |
| | Revised guideline in place by 31 March 2014. | The MDBA will revise the initial guideline to address Basin State, CEWH and the Department’s reporting requirements. Consultations on the revised guideline will occur through BPIC and the BPIC – Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group. |
| 70.2: Produce a report on each MDBA Category B matter listed in Schedule 12. | By 31 October 2014. | <p>2013-14 reporting year:</p> <p>The MDBA will provide reports based on existing data.</p> |

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| | By 31 October 2015. | 2014-15 reporting year: The MDBA will provide reports in line with the Plan’s reporting requirements as per Schedule 12 and the Chapter 13 guideline. The guideline sets out a transition process to full reporting. |
| | By 31 October 2016. | 2015-16 reporting year: The MDBA will provide reports in line with the Plan’s reporting requirements as per Schedule 12 and the guideline. |
| | By 31 October 2017 (and annually thereafter). | 2016-17 reporting year (and subsequent years): The MDBA will provide reports in line with the Plan’s reporting requirements as per Schedule 12 and the guideline. |
| 70.3: Produce a report on each MDBA Category A matter listed in Schedule 12. | By 31 October 2017 (and five-yearly thereafter). | 2016-17 reporting year (and five-yearly thereafter): The MDBA will provide reports in line with the Plan’s reporting requirements as per Schedule 12 and the guideline. In relation to the first five-yearly reporting requirements under Chapter 13, the parties note that the reporters will provide reports consistent with proposed arrangements for a transition period to full monitoring and evaluation requirements. |
| 71: Effectiveness reports (s13.05) | | |
| 71.1: Evaluate the effectiveness of the Basin Plan against the objectives and outcomes set out in Chapters 5, 8 and 9. | Draft report to Basin States and the CEWH by end of August 2013. Report published 31 October 2013. | 2012-13 reporting year: Prepare the first MDBA Annual Effectiveness Report as an inception report setting out the Monitoring and Evaluation framework. Consultation on the draft report to occur through the BPIC – Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group. |

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| | <p>Draft MDBA report to Basin States and the CEWH by 31 December 2014 for comment by mid-February 2015 (and annually thereafter).</p> <p>Report published 31 March 2015 (and annually thereafter).</p> | <p>2013-14 reporting year (and subsequent years):</p> <p>MDBA Annual Effectiveness Report developed in consultation with the BPIC – Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group.</p> <p>The MDBA will seek an amendment to the Act consistent with these timelines.</p> |
| | <p>Draft MDBA report to Basin States and the CEWH by 31 December 2017 for comment by mid-February 2018 (and five-yearly thereafter).</p> <p>Report published 31 March 2018 (and five-yearly thereafter).</p> | <p>2016-17 reporting year (and five-yearly thereafter):</p> <p>The MDBA will develop the MDBA Annual Effectiveness Report in consultation with the BPIC – Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group.</p> <p>In relation to the first five-yearly reporting requirements under Chapter 13, the parties note that the Basin States and the CEWH will provide reports consistent with proposed arrangements for a transition period to full monitoring and evaluation requirements.</p> <p>The MDBA will seek an amendment to the Act consistent with these timelines.</p> |

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| 72: Five-year advice of the Plan impacts (s13.05). | | |
| 72.1: Advice on the impacts of the Basin Plan as soon as possible after the first five years. | As soon as possible after November 2017. | The MDBA will prepare report and recommendations for consideration of the Minister and Ministerial Council, drawing on the effectiveness reports. |
| 73: Reviews of the water quality and salinity management plan targets and the environmental watering plan (ss13.08, 13.09). | | |
| 73.1: Conduct a review of the water quality targets in the water quality and salinity management plan and conduct a review of the environmental watering plan. | By November 2016. | The MDBA will scope the reviews of the water quality and salinity management plan targets and of the environmental watering plan in consultation with the BPIC – Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group. The review of the water quality and salinity management plan targets must include a review of salinity targets and target sites. The review of the environmental watering plan must include a review of targets. |
| | By December 2017. | The MDBA will provide draft reviews to Basin States, the Department and CEWH for comment. In preparing the reviews, the MDBA may request from a person or body any information that it considers necessary. |
| | By March 2018. | The MDBA will publish the review. |
| 74: Audit to assess the extent of compliance with the Plan (s13.10). | | |
| 74.1: Conduct an audit. | Periodically. | <p>The MDBA may conduct, or appoint or establish a person or body to conduct, periodic audits to assess the extent of compliance with the Plan. The person or body conducting an audit may have regard to any guidelines prepared by the MDBA.</p> <p>The MDBA will produce a report setting out the findings of the audit and any recommendations arising from the audit; and before the report is finalised, provide an opportunity to comment on the proposed findings and recommendations. The finalised audit report will be published on its website.</p> |

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| 75: Assessments of trends in the condition and availability of Basin water resources (s13.11). | | |
| 75.1: Undertake an assessment. | Periodically. | <p>The MDBA may periodically undertake assessments of trends in the condition and availability of the Basin water resources and the social, cultural and economic contexts in which they are used, as revealed by monitoring information.</p> <p>The assessment will be undertaken in consultation with the BPIC – Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group.</p> |
| 76: Assessment and improvement of monitoring evaluation and reporting capabilities (s13.23). | | |
| 76.1: Conduct an assessment of monitoring, evaluation and reporting capabilities. | By June 2017. | The MDBA will prepare a draft assessment in consultation with BPIC – Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group. |
| | By November 2017. | The MDBA will finalise and publish the assessment, have regard to any recommendations, and exercise its best endeavours with Basin States, the Department and the CEWH, to give effect to those recommendations. |
| 77: Ten-yearly review (s13.05). | | |
| 77.1: Undertake a ten-yearly review of the effectiveness of the Plan. | By November 2022. | <p>The MDBA will undertake a ten-yearly review of Basin Plan. Consultation will occur through BPIC.</p> <p>The MDBA will prepare recommendations to the Minister regarding revisions to the Plan.</p> |