



### 2013-14 Statement of Assurance – Murray– Darling Basin Authority

In order to maximise transparency and provide assurance to other parties and the community that the obligations of the Basin Plan and the Basin Plan Implementation Agreement (BPIA) are being implemented appropriately, the Murray- Darling Basin Authority has completed a self-assessment of performance against its obligations under the BPIA and the Basin Plan for the 2013-14 water year.

I certify that to best of my knowledge, for the 2013-14 water accounting period the information provided in the attached self-assessment accurately reflects the extent to which the MDBA has fulfilled its commitments under the BPIA and compliance with its obligations under the Basin Plan 2012.

Where there are instances of partial or non-compliance I have identified the measures the Authority is taking to address both of these matters in the MDBA 2013-14 Consolidated Basin Plan Assurance Checklist.

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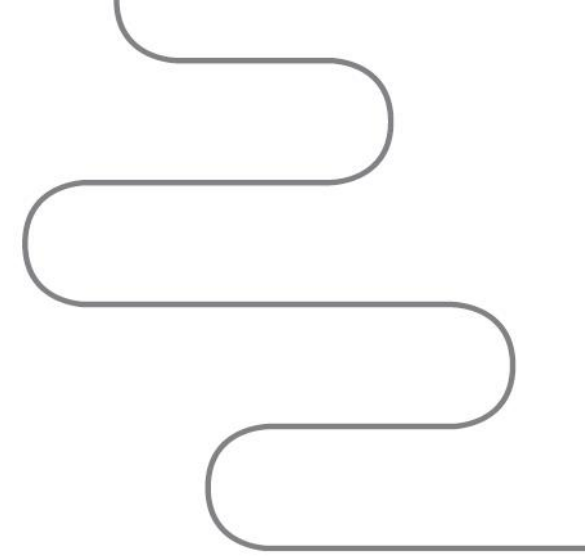
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# 2013-14 Consolidated Basin Plan Assurance Checklist

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3	Water resource plan areas and water accounting.	38	Identify all water resource plan areas (s3.03).	Task 38.1: Identify and publish maps of the water resource plan areas.	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.	Update as required, within one month of any change being identified as necessary.	Yes.	Water resource plan areas are published on our website. No updates were required during 2013-14.
4	Identification and management of risks to Basin water resources.	39	Strategies to manage or address identified risks (s4.03).	Task 39.1: Manage current and emerging risks to Basin water resources.	The MDBA will have regard to the management strategies to consistently manage or address risks to Basin water resources.	From commencement of the Plan.	Yes.	The MDBA is having regard to the range of management strategies to address risks on an ongoing basis.
4	Identification and management of risks to Basin water resources.	39	Strategies to manage or address identified risks (s4.03).	Task 39.2: Identify research priorities to address risks to Basin water resources.	The MDBA will, through the Basin Plan Implementation Committee – Water Resource Plan 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.	From commencement of the Plan.	Partial.	The MDBA has started considering research needs to address risks to Basin water Resources and will work with Basin Plan Implementation Committee – Water Resource Plan Working Group during 2015 to progress.
4	Identification and management of risks to Basin water resources.	40	Guidelines to assist in implementing risk strategies (s4.04).	Task 40.1: Develop guidelines that provide further advice on actions that may be taken to implement the risk strategies listed.	If required, the MDBA will develop guidelines in consultation with the Basin Plan Implementation Committee and the Basin Plan Implementation Committee – Water Resource Plan Working Group.	Guidelines may be developed as required.	Yes.	The MDBA does not consider guidelines are required at this stage.

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6	Water that can be taken.	41	Identification of surface water sustainable diversion limit resource units (s6.02).	Task 41.1: Identify and publish the surface water sustainable diversion limit resource unit maps. Hold relevant data sets.	The MDBA will identify and hold relevant data sets and publish on its website maps that identify each surface water Sustainable Diversion Limit resource unit. The MDBA will consult with Basin Plan Implementation Committee and the Basin Plan Implementation Committee – Water Resource Plan Working Group to update and maintain surface water sustainable diversion limit resource unit maps, as required.	Update as required within one month of any change being identified as necessary.	Yes.	Surface water sustainable diversion limit maps are published on our website. No updates were required during 2013-14.
6	Water that can be taken.	42	Identification of groundwater sustainable diversion limit resource units (s6.03).	Task 42.1: Identify & publish groundwater sustainable diversion limit resource unit maps.	The MDBA will identify and hold relevant data sets and publish on its website maps that identify each groundwater sustainable diversion limit resource unit.	Update as required within one month of any change being identified as necessary.	Yes.	Groundwater sustainable diversion limit maps are published on our website. No updates were required in 2013-14.
7	Constraints management strategy.	45	Constraints Management Strategy (s7.08).	Task 45.1: Develop and implement a consultation process.	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.	To Nov 2013.	Yes.	The MDBA has published <a href="#">the Constraints Management Strategy</a> on the MDBA website on 28 November 2013.
7	Constraints management strategy.	45	Constraints Management Strategy (s7.08).	Task 45.2: Identify constraints and develop a prioritisation approach.	The MDBA will undertake a stocktake of constraints in consultation with Basin States and the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder.	May to Sept 2013.	Yes.	The MDBA published a Preliminary <a href="#">Overview of Constraints to Environmental Water Delivery in the Murray-Darling Basin</a> on 4 July 2013.

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7	Constraints management strategy.	45	Constraints Management Strategy (s7.08).	Task 45.3: Prioritise constraints and develop options including identification of risks and mitigation measures.	The MDBA will prioritise constraints using the prioritisation approach, and develop and evaluate options.	May to Sept 2013.	Partial.	The MDBA completed a full prioritisation of constraints in 2014 and the results will be published in the Constraints Annual Report and accompanying reports.
7	Constraints management strategy.	45	Constraints Management Strategy (s7.08).	Task 45.4: Release draft Strategy for comment.	The MDBA will consult with all parties and the community on the draft Constraints Management Strategy.	Sept-Oct 2013.	Yes.	The MDBA consulted with all parties and the community during the drafting of the Constraints Management Strategy.
7	Constraints management strategy.	45	Constraints Management Strategy (s7.08).	Task 45.5: Revise draft Strategy and publish final Strategy.	The MDBA will revise the draft strategy, based on comments from Basin States, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and the community and publish the final constraints management strategy on its website.	By 1 November 2013.	Yes.	The MDBA published the <a href="#">Constraints Management Strategy 2013 to 2024</a> on 11 December 2013.
7	Constraints management strategy.	45	Constraints Management Strategy (s7.08).	Task 45.6: Scope a constraints work program.	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.	Dec 2013 – June 2014.	Yes.	The MDBA has published the <a href="#">next steps</a> to be taken in managing constraints on the MDBA website.

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7	Constraints management strategy.	45	Constraints Management Strategy (s7.08).	Task 45.7: Provide annual reports to Ministerial Council on progress with implementing Strategy.	The MDBA will assess and report on progress against recommendations in the Constraints Management Strategy, in consultation with Basin States.	Annually from June 2014.	Yes.	The MDBA will publish the 2013-14 annual report in November 2014.
7	Constraints management strategy.	45	Constraints management strategy (s7.08).	Task 45.8: Amend the Constraints Management Strategy as appropriate.	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.	As new information becomes available.	Yes.	The MDBA does not consider amendments are necessary at this stage.
7	Constraints management strategy.	46	Develop methods for calculation of supply and efficiency contributions (ss7.14 - 7.17, 7.20 & Schedule 6).	Task 46.1: Develop key elements of the default method as outlined in Schedule 6.	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 the Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Advisory Committee.	By December 2013.	Yes.	The MDBA developed key elements of the default method prior to December 2013. The default method was completed and trialled in 2014.

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8	Environmental watering plan.	50	Basin-wide environmental watering strategy (ss8.13 - 8.17 & 8.49 - 8.51; Schedules 8 & 9).	Task 50.1: Prepare a Basin-wide environmental watering strategy.	In preparing the Basin-wide environmental watering strategy, the MDBA will have regard to items listed under Basin Plan s8.15(4).	June -Sept 2013.	Yes.	The MDBA undertook intensive work over 2013-14 to draw on the expertise of scientific and technical experts for the draft <a href="#">strategy</a> including ecologists, river operators, hydrological modellers and environmental water holders and managers.
8	Environmental watering plan.	50	Basin-wide environmental watering strategy (ss8.13 - 8.17 & 8.49 - 8.51; Schedules 8 & 9).	Task 50.1: Prepare a Basin-wide environmental watering strategy.	The MDBA will consult with environmental water holders and Basin States on the development of the Basin-wide Environmental Watering Strategy through the Basin Plan Implementation Committee – Environmental Watering Working Group.	June -Sept 2013.	Yes.	Specific groups the MDBA consulted include, but were not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Basin Plan Implementation Committee</li> <li>• the Environmental Watering Working Group</li> <li>• the Strategic Thinkers Group</li> <li>• the Advisory Committee on Social, Economic and Environmental Sciences</li> <li>• the Northern Basin Advisory Committee.</li> </ul>

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8	Environmental watering plan.	51	Basin annual environmental watering priorities (ss8.27 - 8.31, 8.04 - 8.07, 8.14(2)(a)(i), 8.49 - 8.51, 8.33 - 8.43, 8.53 - 8.59; Schedules 8 & 9).	Task 51.1: Prepare Basin annual environmental watering priorities each year.	In consultation with Basin States and the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder, 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.	January 2014. Reviewed each following January.	Yes.	The MDBA developed the <a href="#">framework, method and process for the development of Basin annual environmental watering priorities</a> in 2013.  The MDBA reviewed this approach in late 2013 and published the approach for 2014-15 in the <a href="#">Basin environmental watering outlook statement</a> released in March 2014.



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8	Environmental watering plan.	51	Basin annual environmental watering priorities (ss8.27 - 8.31, 8.04 - 8.07, 8.14(2)(a)(i), 8.49 - 8.51, 8.33 - 8.43, 8.53 - 8.59; Schedules 8 & 9).	Task 51.1: Prepare Basin annual environmental watering priorities each year.	The MDBA will publish the Basin annual environmental watering priorities.	By 30 June each year.	Yes.	The MDBA published the <a href="#">2013-14</a> and <a href="#">2014-15</a> Basin annual environmental watering priorities on the MDBA website each year.

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8	Environmental watering plan.	52	Establish and maintain assets and functions database (s8.48).	Task 52.1 Establish and maintain assets and functions database.	The MDBA will prepare a draft strategy for developing and maintaining the environmental assets and functions database.	By June 2014.	No.	The MDBA has delayed developing the strategy because of resourcing constraints. An initial consultancy scoping the issues is currently being finalised to inform the development of the strategy. The MDBA expects to complete the strategy by June 2015.

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9	Water quality and salinity management plan.	54	Targets for managing water flows (s9.14).	Task 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.	<p>a) The MDBA will have regard to the targets when making decisions about the use of environmental water.</p> <p>b) The MDBA will prepare a proposal for consideration by the Basin Plan Implementation Committee for a new guideline providing additional guidance in relation to flow management decisions by the MDBA, Basin Officials Committee and Basin States and in relation to environmental water use decisions by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and other environmental water holders and managers.</p>	From commencement of the Plan.	<p>a) Yes.</p> <p>b) Yes.</p>	<p>a) With regard to The Living Murray program and the management of the River Murray, the MDBA had regard to the low-related targets on dissolved oxygen, recreational water quality and levels of salinity when making decisions about the use of environmental water.</p> <p>b) The MDBA will prepare with BPIC a draft guideline in relation to flow management and environmental water use decisions.</p>

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9	Water quality and salinity management plan.	54	Targets for managing water flows (s9.14).	Task 54.2: Monitor salinity levels at five sites on a daily basis and report at the end of each water accounting period.	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.	By October 2013. March 2015 and annually for each water accounting period thereafter.	Yes.	Monitoring of salinity at five reporting sites has occurred during the water accounting period and preceding four water accounting periods. When hydrographically corrected data is available (around mid-October 2014) for the 2013-14 water accounting period, the MDBA will assess whether the salinity targets have been met.  The assessment and outcomes will be reported in the Basin Plan Annual Report.
9	Water quality and salinity management plan.	55	Incorporating water quality targets, in State water resource plans (ss9.16 - 9.18).	Task 55.1: Publish a map.	A map that identifies each target application zone for water quality targets for fresh water-dependent ecosystems has been published on the MDBA website.	From commencement of the Plan.	Yes.	A <a href="#">map</a> that identifies each target application zone has been published on the MDBA website.

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9	Water quality and salinity management plan.	56	Application of salinity targets for the purposes of long-term salinity planning and management (s9.19).	Task 56.1: Apply salinity targets in the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement for salinity planning and management.	The MDBA, Basin Officials Committee 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.	From commencement of the Plan.	Yes.	<p>The MDBA implemented the <a href="#">Basin Salinity Management Strategy 2001-2015</a> in accordance with Schedule B of the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement.</p> <p>As the Basin Salinity Management Strategy is ending its term in 2015, a comprehensive review of salinity management in the Basin was undertaken in 2013-14 for the purpose of developing a new strategy to manage salinity for the next 15 years (up to 2030).</p>
9	Water quality and salinity management plan.	57	Chapter 9 Guidelines (s9.13).	Task 57.1: Prepare and publish guidelines relating to water quality targets.	The MDBA will prepare a proposal for consideration by the Basin Plan Implementation Committee for a new guideline providing additional guidance in relation to flow management decisions by the MDBA, Basin Officials Committee and Basin States and when making decisions about the use of environmental water by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and other environmental water holders and managers. The Basin Plan Implementation Committee will then decide the process for the guideline to be developed.	As agreed through the Basin Plan Implementation Committee.	Yes.	The MDBA anticipates commencing development of additional guidelines to support Chapter 9 in 2014-15, following a work program being developed by the Basin Plan Implementation Committee. The MDBA will involve relevant technical and policy officers from the jurisdictions in this task.

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10	Water resource plan requirements.	58	Assessment of water resource plans (ss10.01 - 10.55).	Task 58.1: Assess water resource plans for accreditation.	The MDBA and Basin States will collectively settle a general approach to assessment and accreditation and agree on Basin State Water Resource Plan Development Work Programs to ensuring a progressive work flow through to 30 June 2019. The MDBA will consult with relevant indigenous organisations, including Murray Lower-Darling Rivers Indigenous Nation and Northern Basin Aboriginal Nations, with respect to indigenous values and uses for water resource plan accreditation.	Agree a general approach within three months of the first consideration of this matter by the Basin Plan Implementation Committee. Agree individual Basin State work programs within 6 months of the settlement of the general approach, or as agreed.	Yes.	The general approach and the Basin States indicative work program were finalised by the Basin Plan Implementation Committee in August 2014. The general approach includes reference to the role of indigenous organisations. Detailed consultation arrangements are currently being developed.
10	Water resource plan requirements.	58	Assessment of water resource plans (ss10.01 - 10.55).	Task 58.2: Convene water planners' forum.	The MDBA will, commencing in 2014, convene an annual water planners' forum.	Annually, commencing March 2014.	Yes.	The first Annual Water Planners' Forum was held on 19-20 March 2014. Plans are underway for the 2nd Forum in March 2015.
10	Water resource plan requirements.	58	Assessment of water resource plans (ss10.01 - 10.55).	Task 58.3: Prepare the Handbook for Practitioners for Chapter 10, Water Resource Plan Requirements.	The MDBA's Handbook for Practitioners for Chapter 10, Water Resource Plan Requirements, is a key source of guidance for the preparation of Water Resource Plans.	By 31 October 2013.	Yes.	The <a href="#">Handbook for Practitioners</a> was provided to Basin States in October 2013 and published on the MDBA website in December 2013.



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10	Water resource plan requirements.	60	Establish diversion reporting arrangements for Basin water resources (s6.08).	Task 60.1: Prepare a work program to develop and implement a monitoring and reporting framework for diversions for all sustainable diversion limit resource units for commencement on 1 July 2019.	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 sustainable diversion limits on 1 July 2019. This work will ensure the smooth commencement of sustainable diversion limit accounting and provide for the transition from Cap to sustainable diversion limit arrangements.	By 31 March 2014.	Yes.	The Framework was developed and the associated work plan endorsed by the Basin Plan Implementation Committee in May 2014. The work program is currently being implemented on an on-going basis through to 2019.
11	Critical human water needs.	62	Process for assessing inflows (s11.06).	Task 62.1: Monitor and review inflow volumes within the River Murray System.	Within the River Murray System, the MDBA <sup>1</sup> 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.	Continuous monitoring.	Yes.	The monitoring and review of inflow volumes is undertaken in discussion with the Water Liaison Working Group as part of the regular water resources assessment.

<sup>1</sup> In relation to River Operation including tasks 62-65, the Independent River Operations Review Group (IRORG) has reviewed the Authority’s compliance with the Act and the Basin Plan in relation to river operations. IRORG has reported “The Authority was able to demonstrate to IRORG that it had met its obligations under the Act and Basin Plan in relation to these operational functions.”

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11	Critical human water needs.	63	Process for managing risks to critical human water needs associated with inflow prediction (s11.07).	Task 63.1: Assess the risks of insufficient conveyance water, insufficient water for the conveyance reserve, and the water quality and salinity triggers been reached.	The MDBA will assess and manage the risks to critical human water needs associated with inflow prediction and in conducting its river operations functions and determine whether any advances under the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement are required.	By 30 June each year from 2013.	Yes.	Appropriate water reserves have been set aside. The last water year was low risk in relation to critical human water needs.
11	Critical human water needs.	63	Process for managing risks to critical human water needs associated with inflow prediction (s11.07).	Task 63.2: Undertake water resource assessments.	The MDBA prepares Water Resource Assessments, usually monthly but may be more frequent if conditions are very dry.	As required.	Yes.	Water Resource assessments were, and continue to be, prepared as agreed with the Water Liaison Working Group.
11	Critical human water needs.	64	Risk management approach for inter-annual planning for critical human water needs arrangements (s11.08).	Task 64.1: Undertake inter-annual planning for critical human water needs.	From January to June each year the MDBA prepares 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.	Monthly, from Jan to June each year.	Yes.	Second year water assessments were prepared as agreed with Water Liaison Working Group.

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11	Critical human water needs.	65	Commencement and cessation of Tier 2 water sharing arrangements (ss11.09 & 11.10).	Task 65.1: Determine if the trigger is reached and Tier 1 or 2 applies.	The MDBA, through the preparation of the Water Resource Assessment, will determine if the triggers detailed in BP s11.09 have been reached, or if the appropriate conditions apply.	Event based.	Yes.	<a href="#">Tier 1</a> water sharing arrangements were applied throughout year.
11	Critical human water needs.	66	Declarations on allowable restrictions on permitted use of exchange rates (ss12.18 & 12.22).	Task 66.1: Determine if the trigger is reached and Tier 3 applies.	The MDBA, through the preparation of the Water Resource Assessment will determine if the appropriate conditions apply.	Event based.	Yes.	<a href="#">Tier 1</a> water sharing arrangements were applied throughout year.
12	Water trading rules.	67	Restrictions on trade and their application (ss12.02 - 12.36).	Task 67.3: Prepare guidelines.	The MDBA will prepare guidelines in consultation with the Basin Plan Implementation Committee and through the Basin Plan Implementation Committee – Water Trade Working Group.	By 31 December 2013.	Yes.	The <a href="#">Guidelines</a> for the Water Trading Rules were released in April 2014.
12	Water trading rules.	68	Declarations on allowable restrictions on permitted use of exchange rates (ss12.18 & 12.22).	Task 68.3: Prepare guidelines.	The MDBA to prepare guidelines on the declaration process and on the application and use of exchange rates and tags.	By 31 December 2013.	Yes.	The <a href="#">Guidelines</a> for the Water Trading Rules were released in April 2014.

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12	Water trading rules.	69	Information and reporting requirements (ss12.40 - 12.51).	Task 69.3: Prepare guidelines.	The MDBA will prepare guidelines on the information and reporting requirements of Chapter 12.	By 31 December 2013.	Yes.	The <a href="#">Guidelines</a> for the Water Trading Rules were released in April 2014.
13	Program for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the Basin Plan.	70	Reporting Requirements (ss13.14 - 13.16).	Task 70.1: Prepare a guideline for the reporting requirements.	The MDBA will prepare a guideline providing advice on required reporting and timeframes.	By 31 October 2013.	Yes.	The MDBA developed a Basin Plan <a href="#">Schedule 12 Reporting Guideline</a> within the specified timeframe.
13	Program for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the Basin Plan.	70	Reporting Requirements (ss13.14 - 13.16).	Task 70.1: Prepare a guideline for the reporting requirements.	The MDBA will consult with the Basin Plan Implementation Committee and through the Basin Plan Implementation Committee – Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group on Basin State reporting requirements. The MDBA will reach an agreement with the Department of the Environment by 31 August 2013 in respect to the Department of the Environment's reporting requirements.	Oct-Dec 2013.	Partial.	In 2013-14 the MDBA worked successfully with the Basin Plan Implementation Committee and the Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group to develop Schedule 12 indicators, reporting systems and an evaluation framework.  The MDBA has deferred an agreement with the Department of the Environment in respect of their reporting requirements while work is undertaken to ensure it aligns with or includes other relevant matters.

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13	Program for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the Basin Plan.	70	Reporting Requirements (ss13.14 - 13.16).	Task 70.1: Prepare a guideline for the reporting requirements.	The MDBA will revise the initial guideline to address Basin State, Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and the Department of the Environment's reporting requirements.	Revised guideline in place by 31 March 2014.	Yes.	The MDBA developed a revised Basin Plan Schedule 12 Reporting Guideline in August 2014.  The additional four months was agreed with the Basin Plan Implementation Committee to allow for a pilot study of Schedule 12 reporting system to be conducted between March and July 2014.
13	Program for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the Basin Plan.	71	Effectiveness Reports (s13.05).	Task 71.1: Evaluate the effectiveness of the Basin Plan against the objectives and outcomes set out in Ch 5, 8 and 9.	2012- 13 reporting year: Prepare the first MDBA Annual Effectiveness Report as an inception report setting out the Monitoring and Evaluation framework.	Draft report to Basin States and Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder by end of August 2013 Report published 31 October 2013.	Yes.	The MDBA published the <a href="#">2012-13 Annual Effectiveness Report</a> as appendix B of the MDBA annual report 2012-13 in December 2013.
13	Program for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the Basin Plan.	74	Conduct an audit to assess the extent of compliance with the Plan. (ss13.10 & 13.20).	Task 74.1: Conduct audit.	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. Finalised audits will be published on the MDBA website.	Periodically.	Yes.	The MDBA did not conduct and compliance audits in 2013-14.

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13	Program for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the Basin Plan.	75	Assessment of trends in the condition and availability of Basin water resources (s13.11).	Task 75.1: Undertake an assessment.	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.	Periodically.	Yes.	The MDBA will consider the need for these assessments as the Basin Plan implementation is phased in and monitoring information becomes more readily available.