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The Hon Craig Knowles Chair Murray-Darling Basin Authority GPO Box 3001 CANBERRA ACT 2601

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Dear Mr Knowles

I am writing to you regarding the Altered Proposed Basin Plan.

I reiterate my suggestions provided on the 13 September 2012 and 1 November 2012 under section 44(1) of the *Water Act 2007* (the Act) and, in addition, the need for the Basin Plan to be consistent with the Water Amendment (Long-term Average Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment) Bill 2012 as passed.

I am returning the Altered Proposed Basin Plan to you under section 44(1). I request the Murray-Darling Basin Authority consider these suggestions in finalising the Basin Plan.

Yours sincerely

Tony Burke