



Australian Government



Allan Holmes
Chair, Independent Assurance Committee

Dear Mr Holmes,

The Murray–Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) is committed to implementing its obligations and commitments under the Murray–Darling Basin Compliance Compact (Basin Compliance Compact).

The MDBA notes the findings and accepts the recommendations made by the Independent Assurance Committee regarding the implementation of the Basin Compliance Compact.

The MDBA will undertake the following actions to address specific findings that progress is incomplete or inadequate by the Independent Assurance Committee:

- Continue to work with NSW and Queensland to progress a practice note on measurement of floodplain harvesting. The MDBA now has agreement from both jurisdictions on how to develop this practice note.
- Finalise an interim register of Basin state measures to better protect environmental water. The MDBA has allocated resourcing to this work and will publish a revised register in early 2020.
- Publish its annual quality assurance report on hydrometric data for the River Murray system as soon as possible. The MDBA notes the IAC's comments on whether this report adequately provide assurance of hydrometric data for the River Murray. The MDBA will consider how best to progress this work as a delivery partner of the Joint Venture as part of the review of the Basin Compliance Compact in 2020.

Yours sincerely,

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