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Dear Professor Durrant-Whyte Hugh

Audit of implementation of the Lachlan, Murrumbidgee and Murray regulated river water sharing plans

Thank you for your letter of 24 May 2023 about the completion of the Natural Resources Commission's (NRC) audit of 3 southern inland regulated river water sharing plans. I would like to thank the NRC for its work on this important audit.

I note the audit found that while many of the provisions of the plans are being implemented, on balance the provisions of the plans have not been given full effect in accordance with the *Water Management Act 2000*.

I am advised by the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) Water that it is progressing work on several areas relevant to the audit recommendations and suggested actions. The outcomes of the NRC's audit, and other supporting activities by DPE Water, will inform the next steps in relation to these management plans.

I note that the Deputy Secretary, DPE Water has provided you with a more detailed response to the NRC addressing the audit findings. I am advised that WaterNSW's response will also be provided shortly.

Should you require additional information or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Giselle Howard Executive Director Water Planning in DPE. Giselle can be reached via email at giselle.howard@dpie.nsw.gov.au or by phone on 0411 250 805.

Yours sincerely

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Thanks Hugh - your audit findings are noted and was pleased to discuss with you in person recently. We will continue to follow up with DPE water and water nsw to action recommendations.
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