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Dear Professor Durrant-Whyte *Hugh*

Audit of the implementation of the Border Rivers and Macquarie Valley floodplain management plans

Thank you for your letter of 26 June 2025 about the completion of the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) audit of the implementation of the Border Rivers floodplain management plan and Macquarie Valley floodplain management plan.

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 Water Group of the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (NSW DCCEEW) that it is progressing work to address the audit recommendations. The outcomes of the NRC's audit, and other supporting activities by the Water Group, will inform the next steps in relation to these management plans.

I note the Deputy Secretary Water, NSW DCCEEW will provide you with a more detailed response addressing the audit findings. I am also advised that WaterNSW's response is under development.

I encourage ongoing communication and engagement between the NRC and NSW DCCEEW, and support ongoing meetings to discuss improvements in process and approach.

Should you require additional information or wish to discuss these matters further, please contact Mr Mitchell Isaacs, Acting Executive Director, Water Planning, in NSW DCCEEW, via email at mnitchell.isaacs@dcceew.nsw.gov.au or by phone on 0403 103 823.

Yours sincerely



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Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness,
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Thanks as always for
your useful work - I
will ask the department
to engage with you on
recommended work.
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