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Dear Professor Durrant-Whyte

Thank you for your letter of 25 August 2022 about the completion of the Natural Resources Commission's (NRC) audit of 3 northern 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*.

The Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) 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, will inform the next steps in relation to these management plans.

I note that the CEO NSW Water Sector within DPE has also responded to you providing a more detailed response to the NRC addressing the audit findings.

Should you require additional information or wish to discuss this matter further, I have arranged for Mr Peter Hyde, Director Inland Planning in DPE to be available. Peter can be reached via email at [peter.hyde@dpe.nsw.gov.au](mailto:peter.hyde@dpe.nsw.gov.au) or by phone on 0419 162 826.

Yours sincerely

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