

Independent Panel Members:

Panel Member	Credentials
Peter Cullen (chair) AO, FTSE	Prof. Cullen is a recognised leader in river health, and water and land management. He was the founding Chief Executive of the Cooperative Research Centre for Freshwater Ecology at the University of Canberra. He is a Commissioner of the National Water Commission, Chair of the Victorian Water Trust Advisory Council, a member of the Natural Heritage Trust Advisory Council and a Director of Land and Water Australia. Prof. Cullen is an Emeritus Professor at the University of Canberra.
Sally Farrier	With a background in engineering, general management consulting, corporate advisory and utility reform, Ms Farrier specialises in issues of economic regulation, risk allocation, market development and pricing in water and energy. Currently, she is a director of Farrier Swier Consulting, a director of Hydro Tasmania, a director of Western Power Networks, and a member of the Victorian Water Trust Advisory Council. Ms Farrier has a Bachelor of Chemical and Process Engineering (First Class Honours), a Masters of Business Administration, a Post Graduate Diploma in Finance and Investment Analysis. She is a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, a Fellow of the Financial Services Institute of Australia, and a Member of the International Water Association.
Christine Forster, AM	Mrs Forster became a Member of the Order of Australia in 2006 in recognition of her service to the environment in the area of water resource management through a range of consultative and advisory roles. She is a member of the Victorian Catchment Management Council and chairs the Independent Advisory Panel for the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality and the Natural Heritage Trust. Mrs Forster is Deputy Chair of the Victorian Water Trust Advisory Council. She is a Director of Vic Super Pty Ltd, a member of the Grampians Pyrenees Regional Development Board and a former Board member of the Co-operative Research Centre for Catchment Hydrology. Mrs Forster has wide-ranging experience on a number of other bodies related to water, irrigation and Landcare. She is also a wool producer in Western Victoria and has been actively involved with rural adjustment and regional development issues.
John Langford, AM	Prof. Langford is a Professorial Fellow at the University of Melbourne and Director of the Melbourne Water Research Centre. He is a member of the Victorian Water Trust Advisory Council. Prof. Langford has a long history in water resource management and has an impressive list of achievements in the water industry. Prof. Langford was inaugural Executive Director of the Water Services Association of Australia, the peak body of the Australian urban water industry from 1994 to 2003. He was the Managing Director of the Rural Water Corporation, Victoria's statewide irrigation and rural water authority, from 1989 to 1994. Prof. Langford was the Manager Water Supply Headworks and Distribution for the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works for 16 years. He is a former Chairman of the Co-operative Research Centre for Catchment Hydrology, the Co-operative Research Centre for Freshwater Ecology and the Murray Darling Freshwater Research Centre.
Barry Steggall	Mr Steggall is the former State Deputy Leader of the National Party and Member for Swan Hill (1983–2002), as well as Shadow Minister for Agriculture, Water Resources and Technology (1999-2000). He was Chair of the Murray Bulk Water Entitlements Committee (1996-1998), Swan Hill City Councillor (1973 to 1983 and Mayor (1980-1982). As a Member of Parliament, Mr Steggall held several important positions. including Secretary of the Liberal/National Coalition (1992 -1999), Senior Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier (1992 - 1996), Parliamentary Secretary to State Development (1996 - 1999), Convenor of Food Victoria 1993-1999 and Secretary Liberal/National Partnership (1999 - 2000). Mr Steggall is a member of the Victorian Water Trust Advisory Council.