Dear Dr Derham

PROPOSED WIMMERA-MALLEE (SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER) WATER RESOURCE PLAN PACKAGE

Thank you for your letter dated 14 February 2019 regarding the Wimmera-Mallee (Surface and Groundwater) Water Resource Plan package. I would like to confirm that Victoria is withdrawing the original package submitted on 28 June 2018 and resubmitting to the Murray Darling Basin Authority (the Authority) the revised package attached to this letter.


I understand that our teams have worked very closely together over the past eight months to revise the Wimmera-Mallee package and have reached agreement on all of the substantive issues raised in the original assessment. In addition, my team, with support from the MDBA, have worked closely with Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN) to substantially improve the Traditional Owner engagement and input into the Wimmera-Mallee Water Resource Plans. A document summarising how we have responded to the MLDRIN feedback is included as part of the package to assist with the reassessment process.

I would like to thank you and your staff for working collaboratively and constructively through the challenges of developing these two Water Resource Plans, which represent a significant step forward in delivery of the Basin Plan.

Yours sincerely

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