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SEPP Waters Manager,
Level 10, 8 Nicholson Street
East Melbourne, 3002

SUBJECT: DRAFT STATE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION POLICY (Waters)

Dear SEPP Waters Manager,

The Victorian Environmental Water Holder would like to acknowledge the hard work by DELWP and EPA on the development of the draft SEPP(Waters).

We are supportive of the following advancements:

- identifying regional interim targets and long-term objectives to recognise that waterway health objectives are a long term goal
- a clear implementation plan with priority actions
- the addition of an indicators and objectives for lakes and wetlands
- the addition of estuary objectives based on local monitoring data
- groundwater indicators and objectives based on relevant international and national guidelines
- consideration of emerging toxicants and microbes
- pollutant load reduction targets for marine embayments, and
- more conservative water based recreation objectives that are linked to health outcomes.

The VEWH will continue to contribute to the attainment of SEPP(Waters) objectives through our participation in the Victorian environmental watering program.

Regards,



Dr Sarina Loo

Co-Executive Officer
Victorian Environmental Water Holder.