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Dear Mr Glyde

REVISED VICTORIA'S NORTH AND MURRAY WATER RESOURCE PLAN

I am writing as a follow up to my letter of 8 November 2019 in response to a notice issued by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) under section 63 of the *Water Act 2007* (Cth) on 1 September 2019. In that notice you identified grounds for recommending the Commonwealth Minister not accredit Victoria's North and Murray Water Resource Plan that was submitted on 30 April 2019 (proposed Victoria's North and Murray WRP).

Consistent with the approach taken for the Wimmera-Mallee Water Resource Plan, Victoria would like to withdraw its proposed Victoria's North and Murray WRP to allow the Commonwealth Minister to exercise his powers under section 73 of the *Water Act 2007* (Cth).

As agreed with your staff, we will load the revised proposed Victoria's North and Murray Index Table and Victoria's North and Murray Comprehensive Report to the MDBA File Transfer Facility. This revised version reflects the changes proposed in my letter of 8 November 2019 to replace the proposed Victoria's North and Murray WRP that was submitted on 30 April 2019.

As raised during the resubmission of the Wimmera-Mallee WRP, Victoria has accepted significant risk in supporting the exercise of powers under section 73. I am providing this revised proposed Victoria's North and Murray WRP in good faith and I can confirm the only amendments made to the proposed Victoria's North and Murray WRP in the revised copy are those outlined in my letter of 8 November 2019 as agreed with MDBA staff.

I trust that the work undertaken on Victoria's part to address the Authority's concerns will support an efficient path to accreditation.

If you have any further questions regarding the revised proposed Victoria's North and Murray WRP please contact Jessica Freame, Acting Director, Intergovernmental, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning on (03) 9637 8930 or via email jessica.freame@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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