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State Environment Protection Policy (Waters) Consultation  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: Corangamite CMA submission regarding State Environment Protection Policy (Waters)**

Thank you for providing the opportunity for the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority (CMA) to review the State Environment Protection Policy (SEPP) (Waters) Draft Implementation Plan and Impact Assessment.

The Corangamite CMA supports the SEPP (Waters) Draft Implementation Plan and Impact Assessment

Corangamite CMA would like to provide the following specific comments:

SEPP Waters- Draft Policy:

- The Map layers of the segments could be used for the Victorian Waterwatch data portal and Victorian EstuaryWatch data portal. *(page 77-79)*
- We are pleased that this policy brings together environmental quality indicators for wetlands, rivers, streams, urban, groundwater and marine and estuarine. These environmental quality indicators will be very useful when analysing and interpreting long term data sets collected by EstuaryWatch and Waterwatch monitors and permanent monitoring stations in the Corangamite Region. *(page 77-88)*
- The Policy supports decision making around the advice given to land managers and land owners in regards to floodplain and waterway management. *(page 43)*
- The Policy supports decision making around advice given to land managers and land owners in regards to estuary management. *(page 47)*
- We support the recognition of the importance of top and bottom dissolved oxygen as an environmental quality indicator for estuaries. *(page 83)*

SEPP Waters- Draft Impact Assessment:

- We are pleased the EPA have reviewed beneficial uses of waters to be protected by reviewing the existing, and identifying new beneficial uses that the community considers important.
- We strongly support the inclusion of Traditional Owners' and Aboriginal Victorians' cultural values and Cultural and Spiritual values *(page 27)*

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Please contact us if you have any queries regarding this submission.

Yours sincerely

Graham Phelps  
Chief Executive Officer

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