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Dear Mr Glyde

WIMMERA-MALLEE WATER RESOURCE PLAN SUBMISSION FOR ACCREDITATION

I write to formally submit the Wimmera-Mallee Water Resource Plan in accordance with section 63 of the Water Act 2007 (Cth).

Enclosed with this letter is the:

- Wimmera-Mallee Index Table – which outlines the response to each requirement of Chapter 10 of the Basin Plan in accordance with section 10.04 of the *Basin Plan*; and
- Wimmera-Mallee Comprehensive Report – which contains material to be accredited as part of the Wimmera-Mallee Water Resource Plan and additional supplementary material to support the responses to *Basin Plan* requirements.

For the purpose of section 63(6), and pursuant to section 56(2), the relevant *Basin Plan* that applies to the proposed Wimmera-Mallee Water Resource Plan is the instrument noted on the Australian Government's Federal Register of Legislation on 23 January 2017 with reference F2017C00078.

I have decided to submit one water resource plan for two areas on the basis that many requirements are addressed by State-wide policies and rules. There are some matters that are dealt with differently between surface water and groundwater areas and these are identified clearly in the Index Table. The Wimmera-Mallee Water Resource Plan addresses the requirements of Chapter 10 of the *Basin Plan* for the following water resource plan areas:

- Wimmera-Mallee (surface water) water resource plan area; and
- Wimmera-Mallee (groundwater) water resource plan area.

Attached to this letter is a Statement of Reasons addressing some of the key areas of concern raised by the Authority during the pre-assessment phase.

If you have any questions or require further clarification about this submission please do not hesitate to contact Dr Jessica Freame, Director Policy Partnerships on (03) 9637 8930 or email jessica.freame@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Neville', written in a cursive style.

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Encl.
Statement of reasons

CC: Hon David Littleproud MP, Commonwealth Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources