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Murray Darling Basin

Adrian Pederick MP and the State Liberal Team are committed to ensuring the Murray Darling Basin Plan is delivered in full and on time. Simultaneously, the State Liberal Opposition are in support of calls for a national judicial review into allegations of water theft in the Murray Darling Basin.

“I was extremely disappointed when learning of the alleged water theft from the Murray Darling Basin as this is an important resource utilised by many,” said Mr Pederick.

“The mistakes of a few cannot influence the utilisation of this resource for the greater majority and to ensure appropriate justice is upheld, myself and the Marshall Liberal Team support calls for a national judicial review.

“The Murray Darling Basin supports many states of Australia and all should be considered equally, which is something Senator David Leyonhjelm fails to recognise.

“Statements which call for the Wellington Weir and the removal of the barrages are as ridiculous as suggesting that all the other 3,500 manmade structures should be removed from the system.

“The comments by Senator David Leyonhjelm show he is misinformed and discount the fact, half a billion dollars’ worth of produce is generated below Wellington annually.

“I am a firm believer of irrigation upgrades and improving water efficiencies throughout the Basin to return water to the system.

“The great work that has been undertaken in South Australia in irrigation efficiencies over sixty years could well be replicated.

“It is important to recognise the already legislated Murray Darling Basin Plan so that those who utilise this great resource, whether it be for critical human needs, food production, or the environment, have a responsibility to make sure this vital river system prospers into the future.



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