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Labor shows contempt for lakes communities

In a shocking display of contempt for the people of the Lower Lakes, Labor has applied for a one to two year extension for removal of the Clayton and Currency Creek regulators, despite assurances they would be gone this year.

The regulators were installed in August 2009 with a commitment from Labor that they would be completely removed when river flow triggers were reached.

The Environmental Impact Statement also instructed the regulators be removed by 6th May 2011.

The Environment Department has now revealed that *"processes required to complete removal of the structures were not well understood"* and applied for an extension on the regulators' removal.

Local Member Adrian Pederick said that once again sneaky Labor had not been upfront with the Lower Lakes community.

"Labor made a commitment that these regulators would be completely removed. Now we are told *"the current condition to return the bathymetry to its original level is considered unrealistic"*.

'The government should have been fully informed about the removal process before promises were made to appease anxious locals,' Mr Pederick said.

"It is obvious now that Labor didn't know how they would remove the regulators, how long it would take, how they would pay for it and what the long-term effects would be.

"The people of the region have every right to be disgusted.

"Clearly, South Australians cannot trust this Labor Government."