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Confusion contradiction and procrastination on regulator removals

Confusion, contradiction and procrastination are the messages being received by long-suffering residents about the removal of regulators around the Goolwa Channel at Clayton and Currency Creek.

Local MP Adrian Pederick said it was now clear the state Labor government had made promises about the regulators it could not keep.

'The written commitment to remove them by May 6 this year was never going to be met,' he said.

'Without clear plans on exactly how to remove them, it was impossible to give completion dates but that's what they gave.

'Now we learn the method of removal of Clayton is still to be approved.

'Worse still, the government doesn't know how it will remove the Currency Creek regulator.

'During a recent funding re-announcement stunt at Goolwa Federal River Murray Minister Burke expressed his frustration at how long the Clayton regulator removal is taking..

'He is reported to have said his government recognises the need to get the regulator out and that it should happen 'as quickly as possible'.

'Meanwhile, his state counterpart Paul Caica is hoping the Currency Creek regulator stays underwater and he is not worried how quickly it is removed.

'Obviously he's not concerned about the damage it is doing by just being there. And the longer it's there, the greater the damage.

'The people of the Lower Lakes were hoodwinked into submission on the construction of these regulators and now they're being treated with contempt by a state Labor government that doesn't care.'