

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Rann should put more pressure on Qld**

Premier Mike Rann should call on the Queensland Government to permanently deactivate dormant water licences linked to Cooper Creek, according to Shadow River Murray Minister Adrian Pederick.

“There is no time for lengthy independent scientific reviews of Queensland’s water plan, as called for by Mr Rann, this idea should be ruled out immediately,” Mr Pederick said.

“If the Queensland Govt doesn’t deactivate dormant water licenses, pastoralists along the Creek could be in for the same fate as farmers along the Lower Lakes.

“And Northern South Australia could find itself in a similar situation to the ailing Lower Lakes, with the system collapsing.”

Mr Pederick believes the South Australian Government should take a stronger stance, in ensuring the interests of the entire system.