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### **Water policy secures the future says Pederick**

The 19 point Water Policy announced by State Opposition Leader Martin Hamilton-Smith last week is a blue-print for SA's future water supply says local MP Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick.

'The plan draws together many of the initiatives we have announced over recent months, and places them into one cohesive and proactive plan,' said Mr Pederick.

'The Opposition has very deliberately based this plan around a fundamental principle – we can't keep sucking water from the River Murray.'

Mr Pederick said the plan combines several programs to effectively replace the Murray as the state's main water provider.

'The river is in enough trouble as it is. Years of greed, inter-government bickering and inaction have allowed this vital system to be almost terminally degraded by over-allocation, resulting in serious quantity and quality problems.

'To base a strategy around bigger dams and more weirs is a bit like asking the bank to increase your overdraft when your income is dropping. Sooner or later, you'll go bust.

Scientists tell us average annual river inflows will fall considerably over the next few decades so we have to look elsewhere – now.'

Mr Pederick said a combination of desalination, stormwater harvesting, grey-water reuse and sewerage mining can cover the state's water needs.

'I am proud to have been a part of the Liberal team that prepared this 19 point plan, which we believe offers more water security for the future.

'South Australians will pull together and fight this problem if they are properly inspired and well led by government. That isn't happening at the moment and doesn't look likely in the near future.'

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