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## **Adrian Pederick MP**

Shadow Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries  
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### **MPs tour the Murray – Mannum to the Mouth**

Water management, food production, environment, irrigation, riverbank slumping, and tourism in the Lower Murray and lakes were on the agenda of a visiting MP.

Western Australian parliamentarian Murray Cowper MLA was taken on a guided tour of the lower reaches of the River Murray by SA colleague and local MP Adrian Pederick.

The MPs met with industry and community leaders in many sites along the river and lakes including Caloote – site of serious riverbank slumping, Monteith to inspect the dairy irrigation swamps and Wellington Lodge, site of the proposed Wellington Weir.

Mr Cowper, who has held various roles in the WA parliament, was shown many points of interest and saw and heard first-hand some of the consequences of prolonged low river flows.

The tour included discussions with irrigators and vignerons at Langhorne Creek, local residents and business people at Clayton and tourism and development operators at Goolwa.

Mr Pederick said that while WA was immune from the problems of the River Murray, many of the social effects and lessons learnt are common to other regions under stress.

'Mr Cowper's electorate includes one of WA's most important irrigation and food producing regions and many issues we each face are common to both states.

'Discussing and comparing our mutual interests and sharing problems and solutions are the best way to learn about other more effective ways of managing our natural resources for the good of all.'

*Photos attached – see email or captions*

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