

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Adrian Pederick MP JP**

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**River Murray – Sustainability and Climate Change**

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### **Rann keeping water up his sleeve**

Premier Rann is claiming credit for an action he had no control over and is fudging the figures ahead of the state election, says local MP Adrian Pederick.

Mr Pederick, Shadow Minister for the River Murray and Member for Hammond, which covers the river from Purnong to Goolwa, says Mr Rann has done nothing but pray for rain and now he's taking credit for getting water to the Lower Lakes.

'The reality is recent floods in NSW precipitated at least 800 gigalitres (gl) into the Darling,' Mr Pederick said.

'Mr Rann is talking up getting 148 gl for the Lower Lakes but the fact is that's about half of some 300gl of floodwaters NSW cannot reasonably keep in the Menindee Lakes. The rest has to come downstream.

'Fate and circumstance have supplied this water to South Australia – not Mr Rann.

'And where are the other 150-plus gigalitres? They are up Premier Rann's sleeve to be slid out closer to the election in another grand announcement.'

Mr Pederick said South Australians had grown immune to the Premier's political trickery and could see his numbers just don't add up.

'I challenge the Premier to come clean and tell South Australians where the other 150 gl are.'