

MEDIA RELEASE

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River not a priority for Rann

The River Murray is still not on the state government's radar with it not being discussed during yesterday's Premier's Conference in Adelaide.

Shadow River Murray spokesman Adrian Pederick said Premier Rann's failure to make it a priority subject of discussion at yesterday's meeting underlines his 'bluff and bluster' approach.

'The river may not run through WA, Tasmania or the Northern Territory,' Mr Pederick said, 'but in population terms it is by far the biggest single environmental issue threatening our nation.'

'While Premier Rann puffs and blows to the media about national agreements and legal challenges he appears meekly bowed when face to face with his proposed adversaries – the eastern states.'

'His bold announcements are not about saving our environment and export-driven economy, they are all about March 2010 and getting his Labor bully-boy team across the electoral line.'

'He should have taken positive, direct and immediate action on this crisis by making water and the river top priorities during this conference.'