

**RIVER MURRAY DROUGHT MANAGEMENT – July 3, 2008**

**Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (14:27):** My question is to the Minister for Water Security. Does the minister concede that it will rain within the Murray-Darling catchment this year, but that rainfall that will be captured and retained in Victoria and New South Wales will not flow into South Australia?

**The Hon. K.A. MAYWALD (Chaffey—Minister for the River Murray, Minister for Water Security, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Small Business, Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Trade) (14:27):** I do not concede anything.

**Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (14:28):** I have a supplementary question. Exactly how much rain is required to avert the Lower Lakes and Riverland catastrophe the minister foreshadowed on ABC Radio this morning?

**The Hon. K.A. MAYWALD (Chaffey—Minister for the River Murray, Minister for Water Security, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Small Business, Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Trade) (14:28):** Well and truly above average rainfall.