

16 August 2017

**Amendment to be moved by Senator Xenophon to General Business
Notice of Motion No. 420**

*As listed on page 6 of today's Notice Paper in the name of Senator
Xenophon*

To move—That—

- (a) The Senate notes that:
 - (i) the Murray Darling river system is a national resource,
 - (ii) the aim of the Murray Darling Basin Plan, agreed to in 2012, is to ensure that water is shared between all users, including the environment, in a sustainable way,
 - (iii) it is important that the Commonwealth, the States and users comply with the agreed plan,
 - (iv) on 24 July 2017 the ABC's *Four Corners* program aired serious allegations in respect of the Barwon-Darling in relation to water pump tampering, theft and rorting, collusion between officials and irrigators, failures by officials to properly monitor compliance and the shutting down of compliance units in the face of alleged non-compliance, irregularity and illegality, and
 - (v) the Senate has an oversight responsibility in relation to implementation and execution of the Murray Darling Basin Plan and visibility to modelling – financial and compliance data assist the Senate in this regard; and
- (b) there be laid on the table, by the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, by the start of business on ~~4~~ **11 September 2017**:
 - (i) ~~all documents and communications (draft or otherwise) concerning~~ **documents associated with the proposal to purchase (proposed or otherwise) by the Commonwealth of water access licences held by Tandou Ltd in June 2017, including Ministerial briefs, and the associated contracts,**
 - (ii) ~~all documents and communications (draft or otherwise) concerning~~ **any draft and final reports and supporting documents, including**

assumptions used, about all modelling undertaken by the Murray Darling Basing Authority (MDBA) for the Barwon-Darling Unregulated River between 1 January 2014 and today,

- (iii) ~~all draft and final reports and supporting documents and communications (draft or otherwise) concerning any~~ **about all** investigations or work undertaken by the MDBA tracking the movement of environmental water in the Northern Basin between 1 January 2014 and today – including documents ~~and communications (draft or otherwise) concerning~~ **about** the legal extraction of environmental water and/or potentially unlawful extraction of water,
- (iv) ~~all documents or communications (draft or otherwise) concerning the~~ **a summary of** expenditure of monies from the Water for the **Environment** Special Account ~~between 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2017~~ and today including:
- (A) ~~any~~ **the** criteria for distributing monies from this account,
 - (B) ~~any~~ **the** evidence that these criteria had been met by the beneficiary of monies from this account, ~~and~~
 - (C) ~~the details of any distributions of monies~~ **all transactions** from this account to individuals or companies ~~with~~ **in relation to** properties on the Barwon-Darling Unregulated River, and
 - (D) **the scope of work associated with the transactions; and**
- (v) ~~all documents and communications (draft or otherwise) concerning~~ **reports on** the distribution of monies for the **On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program in the Barwon-Darling Unregulated Reiver** between 1 January 2014 and ~~today~~ **30 June 2017** including:
- (A) ~~any~~ **the** criteria for distributing monies from this ~~account~~ **program,**
 - (B) ~~any evidence that these criteria had been met by the beneficiary of monies~~ **all transactions** from this ~~account~~ **program to individuals or companies,** and
 - (C) ~~the details of any distributions of monies from this account to individuals or companies with properties on the Barwon-Darling Unregulated River~~ **the scope of work associated with the transactions.**