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**RE: Submission to the Inquiry into the Water Amendment Bill 2015**

The Conservation Council of South Australia welcomes the opportunity to provide comment on the Water Amendment Bill 2015 that proposes to cap Commonwealth water purchases in the Murray Darling Basin and increase flexibility in water recovery mechanisms.

Conservation Council SA is an independent, non-profit and strictly non-party political organisation representing around 50 of South Australia's environment and conservation organisations and their over 90,000 members.

We have major concerns about the proposed legislative cap on water purchase, and the subsequent impact on the long term health of the Murray Darling Basin.

We strongly support the submission prepared by the Australian Conservation Foundation, Environment Victoria and Environmental Justice Australia and commend it to the Committee.

I would welcome the opportunity to further engage with the Committee, if required.

Kind regards,

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