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Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications
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Dear Committee Secretary

Water (Crisis Powers and Floodwater Diversion) Bill 2010

I respond to the invitation to provide a submission to the Inquiry and offer the following comments on the Bill.

I strongly support the creation of an authority so that the Commonwealth can ensure that all water users and the environment get a fair, appropriate and equitable share of the Murray-Darling waters, including during times of floodwater.

The legitimate power needs to cover the situation where one part of the system, eg the lower lakes, is not deprived of water when there is an abundance of flood and other water available upstream. The Murray-Darling system needs to be managed as a "one water" system.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this important inquiry.

Yours sincerely

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