

Inquiry into National Water Commission (Abolition) Bill 2014

Answers to questions on notice from hearing on 4 November 2014

Received from National Irrigators' Council

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Following the Committee's public hearing into the National Water Commission (Abolition) Bill 2014 on 4 November, Senator Urquhart has requested that the following question on notice be forwarded to the National Irrigators' Council. If possible, we would appreciate a response by Wednesday, 12 November 2014. Please let me know if you have any questions.

In your evidence to the Committee you made the statement, in regard to the NWC's last triennial assessment, that '...once the National Water Commission no longer had the big stick and the carrot in terms of funds, and the ability to withhold from states, it lost its edge.' [p. 14, Hansard Proof]. Could you explain what you mean by this comment?

The following links will provide the answers to the Senator's questions.

The payments to the States where for National Competition Policy payments and you can see from this [Media Release](#) the NWC was responsible for adjudicating the progress of the states. The Media Release states; *"The Commission's 2007 follow up water assessment is the final under the current National Competition Policy arrangements. Details of the 2007 assessment will be available on the Commission's website at www.nwc.gov.au."*

The NWC also has [this](#) handy guide to funding it has administered and funding that has been withheld from the States.

Thanks

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