Boron content in water from Victorian Desalination Project

The matter of the level of Boron projected to be produced by the Victorian Desalination Project has been raised in the Technical Appendices to the Environment Effects Statement for the VDP.

Boron has an adverse effect on food production, and thus Australia’s food processing sector.

Regrettably, neither the:


- Victorian Desalination Project Assessment under the Environment Effects Act 1978 by the Minister for Planning, January 2009

mention Boron.

This is a significant erring and oversight by Planning Panels Victoria and the then Victorian Minister for Planning.

The cover page of the above Report and Assessment are included as attachments to this submission.

This submission is to request that the Select Committee seek to determine from Aquasure and the Thiess Suez Degremont Joint Venture (the consortium building the VDP) the precise level of Boron in the water to be produced by the VDP, considering that this water is to be used in the Melbourne and regional supply with the subsequent use for food production.

Yours faithfully,

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Environment Effects Act 1978

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