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Dear Mr Windsor

### INQUIRY INTO MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED MURRAY-DARLING BASIN PLAN

Thank you for your letter of 1 June 2012 regarding the Standing Committee on Regional Australia's most recent Inquiry into the Basin Plan. The Plan remains an issue of critical importance to Victoria, and I welcome your invitation to provide advice to your Inquiry.

I note your request that I provide specific advice on progress in water recovery towards bridging the gap by 2019. I note however that the Victorian Government has clear policy positions related to all of the Inquiry's terms of reference (ToR), which are outlined in the Government's submission to the Murray-Darling Basin Authority on its proposed Plan.

In light of this, I direct you to Victoria's submission as the source of my formal input to all three ToR of your current Inquiry, and a copy is enclosed for your reference. In particular:

- o the Government's position on progress in water recovery can be found on page 12;
- o the Government's position on the role of environmental works and measures can be found on pages ii, 22 and 79; and
- o the Government's position on groundwater SDLs is outlined on pages 31 – 36.

Thank you again for your invitation to participate in your Inquiry.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Water

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