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Hon. Tony Windsor, Chairman,

House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Australia.

Dear Mr Windsor,

As my federal representative, I want to know you are doing everything you can to support a new Murray Darling Basin Plan that sets fair, but strong rules to end the overuse of water from our rivers.

We've taken far too much water out of the Murray-Darling for far too long.

Everyone knows the way we've been sharing water in the Murray Darling for decades isn't working. Our rivers are being destroyed. The economic mismanagement and overuse of water is damaging the Murray Darling's life support systems.

A healthy river will support strong communities, agriculture and tourism in the long term. We need to restore the balance between irrigation and the environment by putting more water back into the Murray-Darling. We need fair, but strong rules to end the overuse of water in the Murray Darling Basin.

I urge you to speak in support of a strong Murray Darling Basin Plan in the Australian Parliament.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Raymond Mathiesen