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Senator Xenophon asked:

How important do you see the structure of the NWC in continuing to progress national water reform through the development and extension of the National Water Initiative?

Answer:

While the National Water Commission played an important role in assessing progress in the implementation of the National Water Initiative; a decade on and with much already implemented it was appropriate for the Government to re-assess, to determine the most efficient and effective pathways forward for this function.

The key task going forward is to ensure that the principles of the National Water Initiative continue to be upheld across the water sector, from urban pricing principles to the management of rural and environmental water.