



THE SENATE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT

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Inquiry into water management in the Coorong and Lower Lakes (including consideration of the Emergency Water (Murray-Darling Basin Rescue) Bill 2008)

Interim Report

Pursuant to standing order 38(7), I present an interim report of the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee's inquiry into water management in the Coorong and Lower Lakes.

The Senate referred this inquiry to the Committee on 27 August 2008, for report on 30 September 2008. On 25 September 2008 the Senate extended the reporting date to 3 October 2008.

The committee advertised the inquiry in *The Australian* on 3 September 2008. The committee received 83 submissions from state and federal government departments, key organisations and stakeholder groups and individuals.

The committee held public hearings in Adelaide on 10 September 2008 and in Canberra on 9, 18, 19 and 26 September 2008.

To ensure that the issues raised during the inquiry are thoroughly considered and appropriately addressed, the committee will present its final report on 10 October 2008.

Senator Glenn Sterle
Chair

3 October 2008