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Chairman
Australian Senate
Environment, Communications, Information Technology
and the Arts Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir

The National Farmers' Federation has examined the National Water Bill and explanatory Memorandum and has the following comments.

NFF supports the National Water Commission Bill and urges the Senate to pass it into legislation as soon as possible

The establishment of the National Water Commission is vital as it will be responsible for ensuring that the commitments and specific actions outlined in the National Water Initiative are implemented in full.

The National Water Commission is also critical, as it will administer the \$2 billion Australian Water Fund announced by the Prime Minister during the election campaign.

The importance of the National Water Initiative to the livelihood and future of all Australians, no matter where they live, cannot be overstated.

NFF welcomes the introduction of the National Water Commission Bill and looks forward to it ensuring that the National Water Initiative and Australian Water Fund are implemented in a consistent and transparent manner.

Yours sincerely

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