



AUSTRALIAN SENATE  
RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT REFERENCES COMMITTEE

**Inquiry into the management of the Murray-Darling Basin**

**Hearing Program**

Tuesday, 24 April 2012

Committee Room 2S1- Parliament House

Canberra

Time	Witness	Sub No.
8.45 am	<p><b>Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry</b>  <i>Mr Allen Grant, First Assistant Secretary, Agricultural Productivity Division</i>  <i>Mr Peter Ottesen, Assistant Secretary, Crops Horticulture and Wine Branch, Agricultural Productivity Division</i>  <i>Mr Paul Morris, Executive Director, ABARES</i>  <i>Dr John Gray, Acting Assistant Secretary, Productivity, Water and Social Sciences Branch, ABARES</i>  <i>Dr Nga Nguyen, Water economics Section, ABARES</i>  <i>Mr Orion Sanders, Water Economics Section, ABARES</i>  <i>Mr Ian Ruscoe, Acting Assistant Secretary, Forestry Branch, Climate Change Division</i></p>	<b>127</b>
9.45 am	<p><b>Inland Rivers Network</b>  <i>Ms Bev Smiles, President</i></p> <p><b>NSW Murray Wetlands Working Group Inc</b>  <i>Mr Roger Good, Executive Member</i></p>	<b>64</b>
<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Morning tea break</b>	
10.45 am	<p><b>Nature Conservation Council of NSW</b>  <i>Ms Bev Smiles, Executive Member</i></p> <p><b>Queensland Conservation Council</b>  <i>Mr Nigel Parratt, River Project Officer</i></p> <p><b>Conservation Council of South Australia</b>  <i>Mr Tim Kelly, Chief Executive</i></p> <p><b>Environment Victoria</b>  <i>Ms Juliet Le Feuvre, Healthy Rivers Campaign Manager</i>            (via teleconference)</p>	<b>102</b>
11.30 am	<p><b>Northern Victoria Irrigation Renewal Project</b>  <i>Mr George Warne, Chief Executive Officer</i>            (via teleconference)</p>	

12.15 pm	<p><b>Australian Conservation Foundation</b> <i>Dr Paul Sinclair, Healthy Ecosystem Manager</i></p> <p><b>Friends of the Earth</b> <i>Mr Jonathan La Nauze, Murray Darling Campaigner</i></p>	149
1.00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
1.45 pm	<p><b>NSW Department of Primary Industries</b> <i>Dr Peter Snell, Rice Plant Breeder, Yanco</i></p>	
2.30 pm	<p><b>Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities</b> <i>Mr David Parker, Deputy Secretary</i> <i>Ms Mary Harwood, First Assistant Secretary, Water Efficiency</i> <i>Mr Tony Slatyer, First Assistant Secretary, Water Reform</i></p>	192
3.30 pm	<p><b>Murray Darling Basin Authority</b> <i>The Hon Craig Knowles, Authority Chair</i> <i>Dr Rhondda Dickson, Chief Executive</i> <i>Mr Russell James, Acting Executive Director Policy and Planning Division</i> <i>Ms Jody Swirepik, Executive Director Environmental Management Division</i></p>	
4.30 pm	<b>Adjournment</b>	