

**Murray-Darling Basin Authority current appointment process**

- Legislation underpinning an Indigenous appointment to the Authority came into effect 3 Oct 2019.
- Independent process was run by First People Recruitment Solutions for the Indigenous appointment from 28 Sept to 26 October 2019.
- The independent recruitment process was finalised on 28 January 2020.
- Preferred candidates were identified from the independent process and an Out of Session paper was provided to Ministerial Council on 31 March 2020. The paper sought the identification of preferred candidate.
- The Ministerial Council have now responded, there is not unanimous agreement on the appointment. Minister Pitt is now working with Basin Water Ministers to resolve the appointment.
- Minister Pitt included in his announcement on 4 September that he remains committed to appointing an indigenous member by the end of the year.
- All appointments must be ratified by the Governor General, through Executive Council process.