



THE SENATE

**ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**Water Amendment (Restoring Our Rivers) Bill 2023 [Provisions]**

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Wednesday 1 November 2023**

**Committee Room 2S3**  
**Parliament House, Canberra**

Time	Witness
9.00 am	<b>Lifeblood Alliance</b> ( <i>Submission 90</i> ) Dr Anne Jensen, Member (via videoconference) Ms Juliet Le Feuvre, Member (via videoconference)  <b>Inland Rivers Network</b> ( <i>Submission 17</i> ) Ms Beverley Smiles, President (via videoconference)
9.30 am	<b>Nature Conservation Council of NSW</b> Ms Melissa Gray, Water Campaigner, Community Organiser  <b>Environment Victoria</b> Mr Jono La Nauze, Chief Executive Officer Mr Tyler Rotche, Healthy Rivers Campaigner  <b>Conservation Council SA</b> Mr Craig Wilkins, Chief Executive Officer
10.10 am	<b>Ms Kate Harriden, Research fellow - private capacity</b> ( <i>Submission 49</i> )
10.35 am	<b>Professor Michael (Ghillar) Anderson, private capacity</b> (via videoconference)  <b>Ms Sonia Cooper, Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation</b>
<b>11.15 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
11.30 am	<b>Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations</b> ( <i>Submission 54</i> ) Mr Grant Rigney, Chair (via videoconference) Mr Will Mooney, Project Manager (via videoconference)
12.00 pm	<b>Murray Darling Association Inc.</b> ( <i>Submission 84</i> ) Mr Mark Lamb, Chief Executive Officer (via videoconference)

12.25 pm	<b>Goulburn Murray Irrigation District (GMID) Water Leadership Forum</b> ( <i>Submission 83</i> ) Mr David McKenzie, Co-Chair Mr Rob Priestly, Member Ms Suzanna Sheed, Co-Chair  <b>Murray Regional Strategy Group</b> ( <i>Submission 15</i> ) Mrs Louise Burge, Board member, Executive Committee  <b>Narrabri Industrial Network</b> ( <i>Submission 117</i> ) Mr Justin Smith, President (via videoconference) Ms Kodey Stanford, Business Development Manager (via videoconference) Mr Daniel Kahl, Member (via videoconference) Mr Jamie Condon, Member (via videoconference)
<b>12.55 pm</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
1.25 pm	<b>Australian Competition and Consumer Commission</b> Mr Michael Keogh, Deputy Chair Mr David Salisbury, General Manager, Small Business and Agriculture  <b>Bureau of Meteorology</b> ( <i>Submission 28</i> ) Mr Matthew Coulton, General Manager, Program Design Branch Mrs Angela De Duonni, Acting Section Manager, Water Regulations and Standards
2.00 pm	<b>SPC</b> Mr Hussein Hani Rifai, Chairman  <b>Australian Dairy Products Federation</b> Ms Janine Waller, Executive Director Mr Jason Limbrick, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Consolidated Milk  <b>SunRice</b> Mr Paul Serra, Group Chief Executive Officer Mr Nicholas Gary Bould, Farmer
2.35 pm	<b>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</b> ( <i>Submission 30</i> ) Mr Craig Rosner-Moore, Acting First Assistant Secretary – Agricultural Policy  <b>Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences</b> Mr Jared Greenville, Executive Director Mr David Galeano, Assistant Secretary, Natural Resources
<b>3.15 pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
3.30 pm	<b>Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder</b> ( <i>Submission 34</i> ) Dr Simon Banks, Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder Mr Hilary Johnson, Branch Head  <b>Murray Darling Basin Authority</b> ( <i>Submission 11</i> ) Mr Andrew McConville, Chief Executive Mr Tim Goodes, Executive Director, Basin Plan Portfolio Ms Megan Winter, General Manager, Basin Plan Implementation

4.10 pm	<b>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</b> ( <i>Submission 47</i> ) Ms Lyn O'Connell, Deputy Secretary Ms Rachel Connell, Division Head, Water Reform Division Mr Matthew Dadswell, Division Head, Water Policy Division Ms Emma Solomon, Branch Head, Water Markets and regulatory policy branch Mr Dan Croucher, Branch Head, Program Design Branch (via videoconference)
<b>5.05 pm</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>