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Senator Slade Brockman
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Senate Select Committee on Multi-jurisdictional Management
and Execution of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan
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Dear Senator 

Thank you for inviting the Premier of South Australia, the Hon Steven Marshall MP, to provide a written submission to the Senate Select Committee on Multi-jurisdictional Management and Execution of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan (the Committee). As the implementation of the Basin Plan falls within my portfolio of responsibilities, the Premier has asked me to provide a letter of response on his behalf. I apologise for the delay in providing this submission.

The South Australian government's position on many of the matters that form part of your inquiry's terms of reference are on the public record. Please find attached responses to questions from the Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commissioner for the Committee's review (attachments 1 to 4). Additional information on South Australia's responses and reports on the development of the Basin Plan, including reviews of the science are available on the Department for Environment and Water's website (www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/river-murray/basin-plan/history-of-the-basin-plan).

A joint Basin governments' response to the Productivity Commission inquiry, *Improving implementation of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan*, was released on 9 August 2019 and may be of interest to the Committee (www.pc.gov.au/inquiries/completed/basin-plan/basin-plan-government-response.pdf).

The South Australian government's comprehensive response to the Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commission was also released on 26 September 2019 (www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/river-murray/about-the-river/murray-darling-basin-commission).

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this feedback and I would welcome further opportunities for South Australia's involvement in this inquiry.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Environment and Water

Date: 11/10/2019.

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1. Government of South Australia submission to the Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commission_18 June 2018
2. Government of South Australia response to questions from the Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commissioner_6 September 2018
3. Government of South Australia response to questions from the Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commissioner_20 September 2018
4. Government of South Australia response to matters on notice_23 October 2018