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Dear Ian,

### AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY ON CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT

Please find enclosed a submission prepared by the River Basin Management Society.

RBMS is a national professional organisation with particular interests in catchment and waterway management. It has over 350 members, including practitioners, managers, academics and scientists. The Society has played a lead role in the provision of forums for the discussion of catchment management and related issues, including the Second National Workshop on Integrated Catchment Management (Canberra, October 1997) and Second National Conference on Stream Management (Adelaide, February 1999), other conferences and seminars, and the world's only internet discussion list on integrated catchment management (ICM-L).

The enclosed submission has been prepared by a subcommittee of the Society, in consultation with our wider membership, including discussions on our internet list, ICM-L.

We would be pleased to further assist the Inquiry by making a verbal presentation, and providing additional information and material on areas of particular interest to the Inquiry in response to specific queries. Because of the extensive expertise on catchment management held by the Society, and because our membership includes a significant proportion of key participants in Australian catchment management, we would seek an individual hearing for our verbal presentation.

Yours faithfully

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