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Dear Ian,

Please find enclosed a submission from the Blackwood Basin Group (Inc.) for the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage Inquiry into Catchment Management.

The Blackwood Basin Group (Inc.) is a community based catchment management group established in 1992. The Blackwood River is the largest river in the South West of WA and is facing major environmental, social and economic problems due to increasing salinity and land degradation.

The Group is currently implementing the second Blackwood Regional Initiative across the catchment. It believes that a whole of community approach to land degradation is the only way to address and repair the landscape effectively.

We trust you will consider our submission and we thank you for the opportunity to have input to the inquiry.

Yours faithfully,

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