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## **INQUIRY INTO THE COORDINATION OF THE SCIENCE TO COMBAT THE NATION'S SALINITY PROBLEM**

The Wimmera Region has been involved in programs such as the NDSP tools program. This proved a very effective means of communicating the latest salinity research to Regional staff and the wider community, and complemented Regionally driven research programs.

The Wimmera Catchment Management Authority is also incorporating current thinking and approaches to salinity management into the Wimmera Regional Salinity Action Plan. The plan has adopted the "groundwater flow systems" approach and provides a useful mechanism for prioritising salinity works in the Region.

Incorporating this new approach to salinity management into the plan has been made possible by employing external consultants who can provide this expertise.

Such investment is necessary to enable Regions to access up to date information and research. Of vital importance is investment in monitoring and further investigation of new approaches, to enable evaluation and further refinement of these techniques.

The Authority looks forward to the results of the enquiry.

Yours Sincerely,

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