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**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

DEST Question No. E564_05

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Can you confirm that CSIRO conducted a study into declining groundwater levels in the Gippsland Basin?

When was this study commissioned?

When was the study completed and submitted?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Latrobe Aquifer Study - Study into declining groundwater in the Gippsland Basin

Yes. CSIRO conducted a study into the ground water levels in the Gippsland basin and produced a report on this entitled, *Falling Water Levels in the Latrobe Aquifer, Gippsland Basin: Determination of Cause and Recommendation for Future Work*.

CSIRO decided to conduct the study following a meeting of interested stakeholders convened by the Victorian Farmers Federation in September 2003.

The report of the study was released on 17 September 2004.