

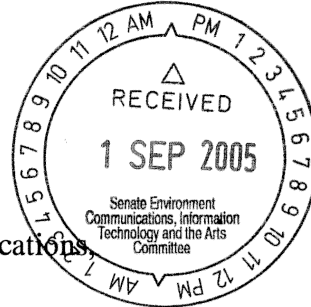


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Dear Louise

In response to The Committee for the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts request for information regarding the extent and economic impact of salinity in the Australian environment, following is the Burnett Mary Regional Group for Natural Resource Management Inc (BMRG) views on the questions at hand.

- Regional arrangements have created a groundswell of community actions and participation in activities to address salinity in our region although some Government initiatives (eg Salinity Hazard Maps) created an "Us vs Them" mentality.
- The BMRG currently have nine salinity sites monitored by Local Government Authorities, Local Community Groups and Industry Bodies increasing awareness and desire to act to mitigate.
- Good collaboration of State Agencies on complimentary activities to monitor effectiveness of mitigation and to have local ownership of their activities.
- We are not aware of any specific actions taken as a direct result of recommendations made by the Science and Innovations Committee.

The BMRG appreciates the opportunity to provide input. Please do not hesitate to contact the office should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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