



The Murray-Darling Basin: the year in review

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Murray-Darling Basin



The year in review...

- 1) *Four Corners*
- 2) *Inquiries and Commissions*
- 3) *Legislative amendments – State and Cth*
- 4) *Legal proceedings*



1) Four Corners

- Allegations of non-compliance
- Allegations of misconduct by senior bureaucrats
- Cultural issues within government vis-à-vis compliance



2) Inquiries and Commissions

- Ken Matthews' inquiries and reports
- ICAC inquiry
- MDBA Compliance Review and Compact
- NSW Ombudsman's reports
- South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commission



3) Statutory amendments

Commonwealth

NSW

Northern Basin Review

- Basin Plan Amendment Instrument (No 1) 2017
- Water Amendment Bill 2018
- Basin Plan Amendment Instrument (No 1) 2018

SDL Adjustment Mechanism

- Basin Plan Amendment (SDL Adjustments) Instrument 2017

- *Water Management Act Amendment Bill 2018*
- *Natural Resources Access Regulator Bill 2017*

Darling River at Wilcannia, March 2018



4) Legal proceedings

- Civil enforcement proceedings under the *Water Management Act 2000* (NSW)
- A number of criminal prosecutions under the same Act



Darling River at Tilpa, 8 August 2018



Thank you

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