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

*Northern Basin Review*
- Basin Plan Amendment Instrument (No 1) 2017
- Water Amendment Bill 2018
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*SDL Adjustment Mechanism*
- Basin Plan Amendment (SDL Adjustments) Instrument 2017

#### NSW

- 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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