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Dear Peter,

Following for your presentation to the MLDRIN Board in December 2015, as discussed, I am writing regarding the Sustainable Diversion Limit (SDL) Adjustment Supply Measure Business Cases prepared by the Mallee CMA for:

- Belsar-Yungera Floodplain,
- Burra Creek Floodplain,
- Hattah Lakes North Floodplain,
- Lindsay Island Floodplain,
- Nyah Floodplain,
- Vinifera Floodplain, and
- Wallpolla Island Floodplain

As a representatives organisation for Indigenous groups concerned in the above Supply Measure projects, the Board of MLDRIN would like to request the following documents (identified in the Business Cases for each of the above projects) to further clarify the Mallee CMA's approach to managing Aboriginal Cultural Heritage sites and other issues:-

- Northwest Victoria Due Diligence Assessments, Reports for Mallee Catchment Authority. Bell, 2013. **For each project listed above**
- GHD, 2014a. SDL Adjustment Supply Measures Advanced Concept Design Report. Report for the Mallee CMA. **For each project listed above**
- Belsar-Yungera Floodplain
  - Cultural heritage due diligence assessment. GHD 2013b. -SDL Adjustment Supply Measure Phase 1 Submission. Report for Mallee Catchment Management Authority
- Burra Creek Floodplain
  - Jacobs 2014a. Burra Creek SDL Adjustment Supply Measures Advanced Concept Design Report. Report for the Mallee CMA. (Appendix E).
- Hattah Lakes North Floodplain

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- Aither 2014. Social and Economic Assessment – Hattah Lakes Water Management Works. Report for the Mallee CMA. (Appendix G)
- Nyah Floodplain
  - Grinter, B., Edwards, A. & Bell, J 2014. Nyah-Vinifera Park, River Red Gums National Park Due Diligence Assessment. Jo Bell Heritage Services Pty. Ltd. (Appendix K).
- Wallpolla Island Floodplain
  - Jo Bell Heritage Services (Bell) 2013. Mallee Environmental Watering Projects, Wallpolla Island Floodplain, Northwest Victoria: Due Diligence Assessment, Historical Archeology. (Appendix K).
  - Aither 2014. Social and Economic Assessment – Wallpolla Water Management Works. Report for the Mallee CMA. (Appendix F)
- All Projects
  - Cultural Heritage Management Plans
  - Detailed risk assessment and mitigation plans for Cultural Heritage Sites

Furthermore, as a representative body for Aboriginal groups concerned in these Business Cases it is important that MLDRIN be fully aware of the consultative processes undertaken by the North Central CMA. To assist MLDRIN's membership in taking an informed position and understanding the costs and benefits of these important projects, we request that Mallee CMA provide digital copies of the following documents:

- RMCG 2014. Sustainable Diversion Limits Offsets Project, Final Communication and Engagement Strategy. Report for the Mallee CMA. **For each project.**
- Letters of Support from Aboriginal Stakeholders. **For each project.**
- For all projects
  - Stakeholder meeting minutes
  - Correspondence logs for communications with Indigenous Stakeholder groups

We appreciate your offer to provide this information and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

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