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From: David Harriss
Sent: Wednesday, 25 July 2018 12:12 PM
To: Avey, Sarah (MDBRC)
Subject: RE: MDB Royal Commission - question on notice

Good afternoon Sarah,

Despite being written 24 years ago it remains reasonably accurate. Nonetheless, there are a couple of changes that have occurred over time that should be noted.

In regard to Table 1, the lakes have been resurveyed since 1994 and full supply capacities and surcharge capacities would have changed.

In regard to 1.5 Water Supply; water supply to Broken Hill is currently from the Menindee Lakes, but a pipeline from the Murray River is currently being constructed

Water supply to Tandou farm is no longer required as entitlements have been purchased by the Commonwealth

Water supply for stock and domestic purposes in the Darling Anabranh is now 3GL/year and provided by a pipeline from the Murray and Darling Rivers

In regard to 1.7 Interstate Water Sharing; the Murray-Darling Basin Commission has been replaced by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority

In regard to 2.3.1; a water supply channel (Pinnelco Channel) from the Darling River to Tandou Creek was constructed by Tandou Limited to deliver irrigation supply from the Darling River when Lake Cawndilla was dry.

The Pinnelco Channel was reengineered (temporarily) in the 2000's to allow dead storage to be extracted from Lake Cawndilla and diverted to the Darling River downstream of Menindee

In regard to 2.3.2; the estimated savings of works proposed in the Menindee Lakes Water Savings Project is now around 34GL, that may increase up to 106GL if the drought reserve of 480GL is lowered.

Hope this is of assistance, Regards David Harriss

From: Avey, Sarah (MDBRC) [<mailto:Sarah.Avey@mdbrc.sa.gov.au>]

Sent: Tuesday, 24 July 2018 4:55 PM

To: ' '

Subject: MDB Royal Commission - question on notice

Dear David

Thank you for attending to give evidence before the Commission in Adelaide last week.

During the course of your evidence, the Commissioner asked you to consider a document titled 'Water Resources Investigations of Menindee Lakes, NSW' which you co-authored in 1994. I have attached a copy of this paper for your convenience. You advised that you had not read the paper recently and asked to take some questions on notice.

Could you please consider the following questions in relation to this paper:

1. Is there anything in the paper that the Commissioner should not give regard to?
2. Are there any qualifications that the Commissioner should not take into account when

considering this paper?

Thank you for your assistance, we look forward to receiving your response.

Kind Regards

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