



Your Ref:

My Ref: T12 201800894

Kathleen Hainsworth (Senior Solicitor) **Tel:** (02) 8224-5361

Fax: (02) 8224-5355

kathleen.hainsworth@cso.nsw.gov.au

13 August 2018

Ms Joanne Masters
Senior Instructing Solicitor
Murray-Darling basin Royal Commission
L9 East, 50 Grenfell Street
Adelaide SA 5000

By email: joanne.masters@mdbrc.sa.gov.au

Dear Ms Masters

Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commission

I refer to the letter from Commissioner Bret Walker SC, dated 16 May 2018, and my letter to you, dated 5 June 2018.

I enclose on behalf of the State of NSW, copies of the following further key documents, which are responsive to paragraph 2 of that letter of 16 May 2018, being: "information regarding the NSW Government's progress with its draft floodplain harvesting monitoring strategy and the staged approach to improving the monitoring of floodplain harvesting diversions":

1. Implementing the NSW Floodplain Harvesting Policy - Consultation paper (March 2018);
2. Implementing the NSW Floodplain Harvesting Policy Fact Sheet (March 2018);
3. Licensing of Floodplain Extractions Fact sheet (March 2018);
4. Floodplain Harvesting - Status update (February 2018) I am instructed that in lieu of a further status report being released in May 2018, the Government released updates in relation to community engagement in June. The next status update is due to be released in August 2018;
5. Floodplain management under the *Water Management Act 2000*: A guide to the changes (May 2018);
6. An overview of floodplain management plans under the Water Management Act 2000 (May 2018);
7. NSW Floodplain Harvesting Policy Fact Sheet (April 2017);
8. NSW Floodplain Harvesting Policy (May 2013); and

9. Rural floodplain management plans - Technical manual for plans developed under the Water Management Act 2000 Version 2.0 (December 2017).

By way of background, I am instructed that between 13 March and 13 April 2018, the NSW Government engaged in extensive stakeholder consultation across NSW in relation to the Water Reform Action Plan, which included consultation in relation to the Floodplain Harvesting Policy Consultation Paper. Based on this consultation, the NSW Government released a consultation outcomes paper and fact sheet in relation to floodplain harvesting, based on over 50 submissions that were received.

I also enclose an index showing the location of where the enclosed documents and further documents on Floodplain harvesting, including the management plans and draft management plans for floodplain harvesting in various valleys within NSW, can be located on the NSW Department of Industry and NSW legislation websites.

Please do not hesitate to contact Kathleen Hainsworth on (02) 8224-5361 if you have any queries in relation to this letter or if there are further records in relation to floodplains harvesting that you would be assisted by receiving.

Kind regards



Kathleen Hainsworth
Senior Solicitor
for Crown Solicitor

Encl.