

# Statement

**The Hon Harriet Shing MP**

Minister for Housing  
Minister for Water  
Minister for Equality



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## **STATEMENT FROM THE MINISTER FOR WATER**

After years of advocacy with and for the Victorian community, the Commonwealth has finally agreed to fund key Victorian environmental water projects that will secure water for our precious floodplains, even in dry conditions.

This is what the Murray Darling Basin Plan was always intended to achieve, and the Commonwealth Government has finally confirmed it agrees with us.

While we accept the Commonwealth legislation is in operation - we continue to oppose buybacks and have not signed any agreement with the Commonwealth in exchange for this funding.

Victoria has done more than any other state to return water to the environment and we will continue to negotiate with the Commonwealth to protect communities, farmers and the environment.

We look forward to advocating for Victorians at the rescheduled Water Ministers' Ministerial Council.