

“LOWER MURRAY WORKING GROUP”

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Incorporating the 5 Councils making up Region 6 of the “Murray Darling Association”: -
Alexandrina - Coorong District - Mid Murray - Rural City of Murray Bridge - City of Victor Harbor.

19th June 2006

To the CEO's of all District Councils & Shires in Australia

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please accept my apologies if you have received this correspondence and replied, we are sending this out as a reminder. We are still seeking any information on the re-use of water and would ask that if your Council is not reusing either potable or non-potable water that could you please confirm this by replying to this email or if you are reusing water we seek your information so as to set up an Australia wide data bank.

I have been asked to, on behalf of the Lower Murray Working Group, (supported by the Local Government Association of South Australia) to seek information as to what councils throughout Australia are doing in relation to the re-use of potable and non-potable water especially non-potable re-use and greywater re-use.

Our group believes very strongly that potable re-use could be and maybe should be one of the methods by which we could add to the flow to not only the River Murray but also other watercourses within the Murray Darling Basin and throughout Australia.

We would ask you to share with us any information you may have that your Council/Shire is undertaking or planning to undertake regarding re-use of water potable, non-potable and greywater.

Water and its use rates extremely high on the agenda's of most levels of government and for us to better understand and to be better able to plan for our future needs we need to research all available information.

Most people use water as if it is an infinite resource (but they are wrong), we must ensure we use and re-use water attaining the maximum value possible.

We must be aware, “There is no better way to demonstrate to landholders that we understand their concerns and recognise their right to run a sustainable and ecological operation on private land.”

I believe the famous quote by, “Lyndon B. Johnson, 36th President of the USA” should be a reality check for us all.

“A Nation that fails to plan intelligently for the development and protection of its precious waters will be condemned to wither because of short-sightedness. The hard lessons of history are clear, written on the deserted sands and ruins of once proud civilisations”

I hope you will be able to assist us in this most far-reaching venture the seeking of information from all of our peers.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

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“Help Save the River Murray & the Complete Murray Darling Basin”

- Re-use and use Water Wisely -

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