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By email

Dear Mr Thompson

Certification of a RIS-like process – Basin Plan Amendment Instrument (No.1) 2018 – changes to sustainable diversion limits (SDLs) in the Northern Basin, selected groundwater areas, and other technical amendments of the Basin Plan 2012

Thank you for your letter of 29 June 2018 certifying that the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) has undertaken a review process and analysis equivalent to a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) concerning the above-mentioned changes to the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) acknowledges the certification. I note the changes will have no impact on regulatory burden, and the OBPR has agreed to this assessment. Through this review, the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources is compliant with the Government's regulation requirements. Please note that under the regulation requirements, the OBPR does not assess the adequacy of independent reviews.

The OBPR maintains an online RIS register where RISs, certified independent reviews and analysis resulting from RIS-like processes are published. As your staff advised that this instrument has been introduced, we will publish your certification letter and links to the review documents on the register.

Our reference number for this matter is 20794. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wayne Poels'.

Wayne Poels
Executive Director
12 July 2018