



Hydrological Society
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Invitation to a free seminar

Tracking Progress on the Murray-Darling Basin Plan: environmental, hydrological and economic perspectives

'The Murray-Darling Declaration' on 5 February 2018, signed by 12 respected scientists and economists, raised questions about the effectiveness of the Basin Plan.

This seminar aims to provide context and discussion on the issues currently under debate.

Thursday 5th April 5:30 pm for a 6:15pm start

Charles Hawker Centre, University of Adelaide Urrbrae campus

Hosted by the Hydrological Society of South Australia Inc

Presentations by:

- **Dr Anne Jensen:** Progress towards environmental targets in the Basin Plan
- **Mr Andy Close** Hydrologic Modelling underpinning the Basin Plan
- **Prof Jeff Connor:** Progress on economic investment in the Basin Plan

The Basin Plan

The Murray-Darling Basin Plan was signed off with Basin states in 2012 after controversial Basin-wide consultation, with an initial water recovery target of 2750 GL/a. The Plan included provision for further review and adjustment of this volume, plus 450 GL/a and/or minus 650 GL/a.

In 2018, 2150 GL/a has been recovered, with 1836 GL/a held by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder. A recommended 70 GL/a reduction for the Northern Basin was blocked by the Senate. A further reduction of 605/y for the Southern Basin has been recommended by the Authority to Parliament. Progress on the potential 450 GL/y addition is lagging.

The Murray-Darling Declaration

On 5 February 2018, twelve eminent Scientists called for a pause in the Basin Plan's implementation to allow for an audit of progress to date, review of the next steps and the establishment of a truly independent scientific advisory body. That 'Declaration' is available at <https://murraydeclaration.org>

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