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14th June 2018

Dear Minister Littleproud,

Thank you for your letter dated 7th June 2018, Ref: MC18-014072.

We would greatly welcome a visit from yourself to the Southern Riverina and would like to make the following suggestions to ensure that you get the most from the visit.

- Firstly, we would like the opportunity to organise presentations from Dr Lee Baumgartner Fish Ecologist at the Institute for Land Water and Society at Charles Sturt University and Dr John Conallin M&E Expert and Science Co-ordinator IHE Delft Institute for Water Education.
- Secondly, it is critical that during your visit there is opportunity for all groups with an interest in the Basin Plan and Water Policy to meet with you at the same time (this was done well in March with Greater Shepparton and the GMID Water Leadership Group).
- Lastly, we can also organise a presentation on the social and economic impacts directly related to the Murray Valley from a leading consultant.

We are able to bring together numerous community groups, including indigenous, fishing, councils and business groups for your visit. This would allow you to meet a wide range of community members and hear first-hand the amount of local knowledge that is on hand to help achieve ecological, social and economic outcomes from the Plan. We are focused on working with government and community groups to deliver a Basin Plan which meets social and economic outcomes while maximising ecological outcomes.

When you visit the region, we would be grateful for a copy of the Intergovernmental Agreement (even if it is in draft form) prior to your arrival, so that we are in a position to provide constructive feedback on any issues it may present.

With Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shelley Scoullar".

Shelley Scoullar

Chair – Speak Up Campaign