

Ms Jan Beer  
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Dear Ms Beer *Jan*

Thank you for providing me with a copy of your letter to Minister Neville regarding Goulburn River constraints and mitigation.

I note your concerns regarding the development of the constraints business case for your region. In my role as Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder, I am committed to being a diligent, responsive and prudent water manager. This includes establishing a 'good neighbour' policy, which guides my management of Commonwealth environmental water. Under this policy, a precautionary approach is taken to managing environmental water, so that there is no material impairment of the interests of landholders and other water users. In particular, I have not and will not place water orders that would inundate private land without the consent of the landholder.

Should you have any concerns regarding the use of Commonwealth environmental water in the Goulburn River catchment, please contact Hilary Johnson, Director, Southern Basin Section on 02 6274 1471 or via email at [Hilary.johnson@environment.gov.au](mailto:Hilary.johnson@environment.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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