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Dear Mr Glyde,

The appointment of Sir Angus Houston and his recent tour in Southern NSW is an indication that there is a desire to increase confidence in regional communities in the MDBA's communication and engagement strategy. Speak Up and other organisations and stakeholders that support us are very welcoming of such interactions and communication and we look forward to a genuinely productive and fruitful engagement going forward.

To install and build confidence that this new engagement philosophy is genuine we would like to initiate open and transparent communication whereby all correspondence between Speak Up and the MDBA is made public (ie. available on our website) unless it is clearly stated "Confidential or Not for Public Disclosure".

To commence this new level of transparency, we would very much appreciate a copy of any unedited / original report sent through to the MDBA Board and the Federal Government about Sir Houston's travel and meetings and of the resulting discussions.

Accountability and transparency are key to good relationships, and communities are key to delivering the best ecological outcomes – as highlighted in an abstract submitted to an upcoming Society of Wetland Scientists virtual conference, *Wetland conservation – without community engagement and participation it doesn't exist*. I very much look forward to your reply and receiving a copy of any and all reports relating to Sir Houston's recent travels to Southern NSW.

Yours sincerely

Sincere Thanks,

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