

# Wild Law or just a wild ride?

## The Murray–Darling Basin

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# The Murray-Darling Basin



**Legend**

-  Main Towns
-  Catchment Management Boundaries
-  Main Rivers
-  Murray-Darling Basin

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# National Plan for Water Security

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“...addressing once and for all water over-allocation in the Murray Darling Basin”

*National Plan for Water Security* – John Howard 2007



# Water Act 2007 (Cth)

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- › Establishes Murray–Darling Basin Authority
- › Sets up a national scheme for water reporting
- › Establishes Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder
- › Water Trading rules

# Water Act...

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- › *“...use of the Basin water resources has had significant adverse impacts on the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity”*
- › *“...promote sustainable use of the Basin water resources to protect and restore the ecosystems, natural habitats and species that are reliant on the Basin water resources and to conserve biodiversity”*
- › Limits extraction to sustainable levels –essentially the level which if exceeded, would compromise the environment.

# Impact on human uses of the Basin

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