

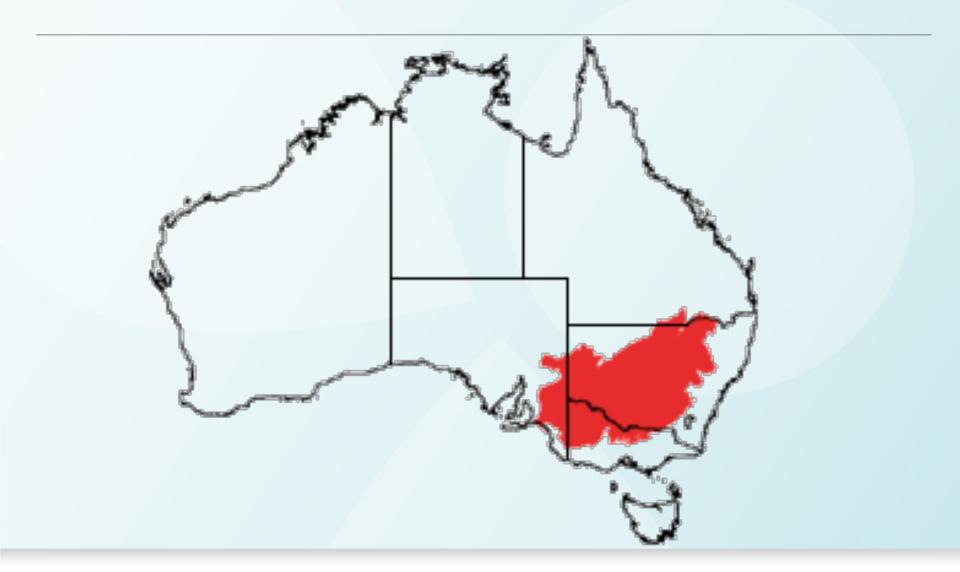
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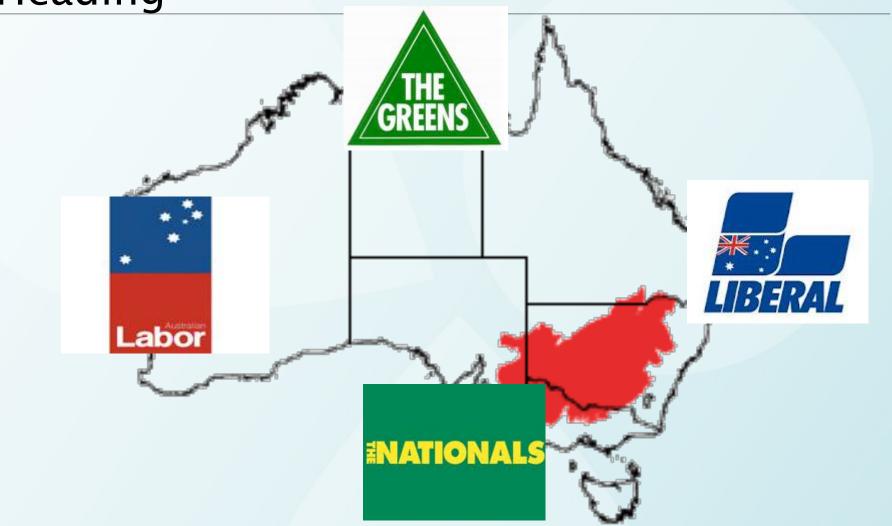
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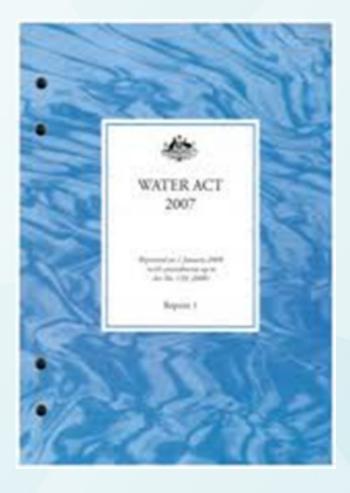




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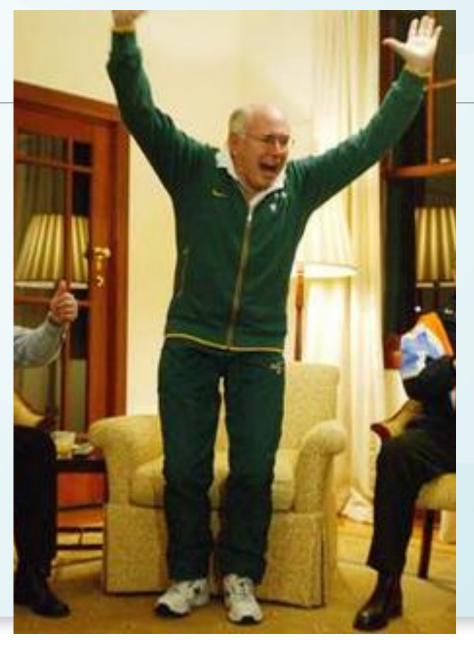


National Plan for Water Security

"...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)

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



- "...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.































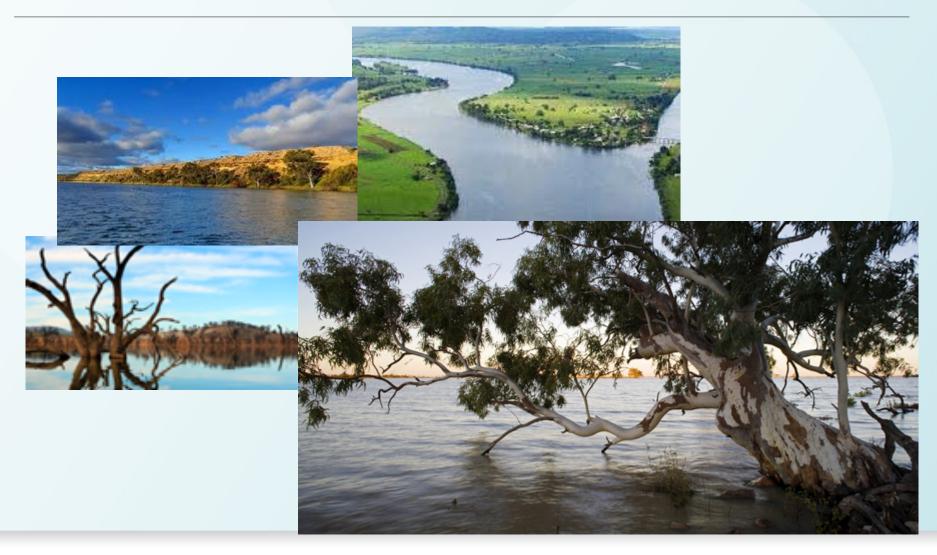














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