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Recovery Water in Murray-Darling Basin  
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Dear Sir/Madam

Council remains concerned about the ability of the Federal Government's continuing purchase of water entitlements and the effect on the water market and communities.

We submit that a moratorium should be introduced to enable the Federal Government to develop an appropriate plan to restore balance to the use of the basin's water resources.

It appears the capacity to provide sufficient water for food production and environmental flows may be limited. In addition we are not aware of the purchased by Government agencies such as "Water for Rivers" and potential social and economic impacts for our community which is still battling an ongoing drought.

We would be happy to speak to our submission. Please contact the undersigned for further information on (03) 5871 9222.

Yours sincerely

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