

MEDIA RELEASE

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RAMJO appoints specialist consultant to support 2026 Murray-Darling Basin Plan Review submission

The Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation (RAMJO) has appointed Claire Miller Consulting to provide research and submission support as RAMJO prepares its response to the 2026 Murray-Darling Basin Plan Review.

RAMJO Chair Cr Ruth McRae OAM said the appointment will strengthen RAMJO's capacity to develop a clear, evidence-based submission reflecting the priorities of Riverina and Murray communities.

"The Murray-Darling Basin Plan Review is a critical opportunity to ensure future settings deliver real environmental outcomes while recognising the socio-economic realities for Basin communities," Cr McRae said.

"RAMJO has appointed Claire Miller Consulting following an Expression of Interest process to provide targeted policy research, analysis and drafting support to help shape a rigorous, well-referenced submission on behalf of our member councils."

Under the engagement, the consultant will support RAMJO across key components of submission development, including policy issue mapping, stakeholder and ally identification, socio-economic and environmental analysis, and preparation of a structured draft and final submission for RAMJO member review.

Cr McRae said the work program is designed to provide RAMJO with progressive briefings and deliverables across February–April 2026, supporting member councils to give timely direction as the review consultation progresses.

Claire Miller is an experienced water policy and communications professional with longstanding involvement in Basin policy reform and stakeholder engagement, including with local government across the NSW Riverina and northern Victoria.

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About RAMJO:

RAMJO has been proclaimed by the NSW State Government as a Body Corporate under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 and consists of the following eleven member councils: Albury City Council, Balranald Shire Council, Berrigan Shire Council, Edward River Council, Federation Council,

Griffith City Council, Leeton Shire Council, Murray River Council, Murrumbidgee Council, Narrandera Shire Council and Wentworth Shire Council.

The RAMJO region covers an area of over 82,868 square kilometres and has a population of 160,177 people. (ABS ERP 2024)

Joint Organisations provide a way for local councils, the NSW Government, the Commonwealth and Industry to work together to deliver projects and advocacy to regional communities and represent a long-term commitment to the development of a shared vision for a region.

About the MDBA Plan Review:

The Murray–Darling Basin is the largest and most complex river system in Australia. It covers 1 million square kilometres of south-eastern Australia, across New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory.

The Murray-Darling Basin Plan sets the amount of water that can be taken from the Basin each year, and this plan is currently in review.