Rivers Need Estuaries Petition

TO THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of concerned citizens of Australia draws to the attention of the House:

Despite past dire predictions, the Murray Darling Basin has not been lost to salt or drought. However, upstream water storages are not large enough to keep the Lower Lakes supplied with adequate freshwater during protracted drought. Furthermore, the 7.6 kilometres of concrete barrages that created this artificial freshwater system have destroyed the Coorong-Murray River estuary.

The petitioners request that the Australian parliament recognise that:

1. Restoring the Coorong-Murray River estuary must be a priority in any Murray Darling Basin Plan.

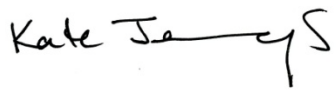
2. The estuary should be restored by re-engineering or removing the barrages in part or whole to allow inflows from the Southern Ocean.

3. Adelaide's water supply can be secured by building a lock downstream from Tailem Bend.

THEREFORE – We petition the members of the House to act to restore the natural estuarine environment of the Lower Lakes and Coorong.

PRINCIPAL PETITIONER

Kate Jennings



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