



**MURRAY DARLING BASIN PLAN
GOVERNMENT and INDUSTRY FORUM
Friday, 18 February 2011
Dubbo Regional Theatre & Convention Centre
155 Darling Street, Dubbo NSW**

“Developing a Basin Plan with a triple bottom line”

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- **The Guide has been released**
 - **The community forums are over**
 - **The Technical briefings have been done**
 - **Submissions on the Guide have closed**
 - **Submissions to the Parliamentary inquiries are closed**

Where to from here?



A word from the National President.....

In order to maintain the current level of co-operation and information sharing, as well as ensuring that governments hear a united and consistent message from Basin Councils and communities, the Murray Darling Association, together with Regional Development Orana is conducting a one day forum in Dubbo on 18th February 2011.

The purpose of the forum is to give Councils, community and industry the opportunity to hear from authoritative speakers in the fields of Regional Development, Government, social and economic research, mental health organisations, the banking/finance community and Local Government.

Based on this information exchange, the forum will then develop a strategy and actions to ensure that Governments are equipped with the information that they need to make appropriate decisions with respect to the future social, economic and environmental condition of the Basin and its communities.

Mr Tony Windsor, Federal Independent and Chair of the Parliamentary Inquiry, has agreed to attend this important forum.

The Hon. Simon Crean MP, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local government , and the Hon Tony Burke, Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities have also been invited to attend.

Who else should attend?

Local Government Councilors and senior staff, irrigators, producers, industry leaders, regional development bodies, Catchment Management Authorities and anyone with a stake in how the Basin's water will be managed in the future.

The Murray Darling Association has been very active in representing Local Government interests over many years and has enjoyed many successes. I now urge you to attend this very important forum to send a strong and united message to the Murray Darling Basin Authority and the governments of Australia to develop a Basin Plan that meets the social, economic and environmental needs of the Basin in a fair, sustainable and equitable manner.

Ken Rogers,
Murray Darling Association-National President

FORUM PROGRAM

- 9:15am Registration
- 10:00am Welcome to the Forum—MDA National President, Ken Rogers
- 10:10am Welcome to Dubbo—Mayor Allan Smith
- 10:20am Key note address—Hon Simon Crean – Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, and the Arts (TBC)
- 10:40am Key note address—Hon Tony Burke - Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (TBC)
- 11:00am Closing statement—Mr Tony Windsor MP – Independent Federal member for New England.
- 11:15am Morning Tea

Local government perspective –

- 11:30am Queensland—Mayor Ray Brown—Western Downs Shire Council
- 11:45pm NSW—Mayor Rex Wilson—Warren Shire Council
- 12:00pm Victoria—Mayor Ed Cox - Moira Shire Council
Chairman-Murray River Group of Councils
- 12:15pm South Australia—Mayor Neil Martinson—Renmark-Paringa Council
Chairman – RDA Murraylands and Riverland.
- 12.30pm ALGA President—Ms Genia McCaffery
- 12:45pm Panel Q & A session
- 1:15pm Lunch

Industry perspective

- 1:45pm Mr Jock Laurie—President, National Farmers Federation
- 2:05pm Mr Danny O'Brien—National Irrigators Council
- 2:25pm Prof Margaret Alston—Monash University
- 2:45pm Australian Bankers Association
- 3:10pm Afternoon Tea
- 3:25pm Panel Session and Q & A—Where to from here? (All speakers)
- 3:50pm Proposed communiqué to be delivered to the Government inquiries and to the MDBA
- 4:00pm Forum close



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 REGISTRATION FORM
 Tax Invoice ABN: 64 636 490 493

Personal information:

Title: Cr[] Mr [] Mrs [] Miss [] Other.....

Surname.....

First Name..... Badge Name.....

Organisation..... Number attending.....

Note: (Details will be published in a delegate list for distribution. If you do not wish your details to be published, please tick this box.....[]

Address.....

Town..... State..... Postcode.....

Phone..... Fax..... Mobile.....

Email.....

Special dietary requirements.....

REGISTRATION FEE (includes morning and afternoon tea, lunch)..... \$50.00
 (Early Bird \$40 after Jan 29th \$50)

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