



Australian Government



Basin Plan

FACT SHEET 2: MURRAY-DARLING BASIN AUTHORITY MEMBERS

INTRODUCING THE SIX MEMBERS OF THE MURRAY-DARLING BASIN AUTHORITY.

The Basin Plan is a legally enforceable management plan covering water resources across the whole Murray-Darling Basin. The members of the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) are responsible for preparing and overseeing the plan for adoption by the Minister for Climate Change and Water.

In preparing the plan MDBA will consult extensively with other Commonwealth agencies, the governments of the Basin states (Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory), key stakeholders, and rural and regional communities across the Basin. They will also meet regularly in regional areas throughout the Murray-Darling Basin.

MDBA will release a proposed Basin Plan for public comment by mid-2010, and the first Basin Plan by 2011.

Authority members are MDBA Chief Executive, the Chair and four part-time members selected in consultation with the Basin states and appointed for four years. The members bring together a high level of expertise in water resource management, hydrology, freshwater ecology, resource economics, irrigated agriculture, public-sector governance and financial management.

AUTHORITY MEMBERS

Michael Taylor AO (Chair)

Mike Taylor has wide-ranging experience in public-sector governance, resource economics and financial management through his appointments as a senior Commonwealth and Victorian public servant. In those roles, he has had extensive involvement in preparing and negotiating international, Commonwealth, state and industry agreements and legislation across a range of issues including water, energy, minerals, agriculture, food, forestry, fisheries and sustainable natural resource management.

Rob Freeman (Chief Executive MDBA)

Rob Freeman has had extensive public-sector experience in South Australia and Queensland. Before his appointment as Chief Executive of MDBA, Rob was Chief Executive of the South Australian Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation. In this role he was also the South Australian Commissioner and Deputy President of the Murray-Darling Basin Commission and chaired the national Natural Resources Policy and Programs Committee.

Di Davidson

Di Davidson is an agricultural scientist who has worked extensively throughout the Basin for 30 years. She has wide experience and a strong management background in natural resources, particularly water and irrigated agriculture.

Di is Managing Director of Davidson Vineyard Management and Consulting Services, a current member of the South Australian Premier's Climate Change Council, and previously served on the South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resource Management Board.



From left to right: David Green, Professor Barry Hart, Dr Diana Day, Rob Freeman, Mike Taylor (chair), Di Davidson

Diana Day

Dr Diana Day is a physical and social scientist with extensive academic, board and public administration experience. She has expertise in water and catchment management and futures, hydrology, water quality and erosion processes, cultural and environmental water issues, community participation in water planning, and agribusiness research strategies for natural resources sustainability.

Diana is currently a director of the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation, the Cooperative Research Centre for Irrigation Futures and adjunct professor at Southern Cross University. She was recently associate professor in Indigenous Education at the University of Sydney and Director, Meat and Livestock Australia.

David Green

David Green is an economist and corporate adviser who has advised government and the private sector extensively throughout Australia and internationally, and has been involved in water policy and water reform in Queensland since the mid-1990s. Prior to that he was heavily involved in energy sector reform and a number of other market-based reforms in infrastructure intensive industries. He has extensive experience in water resource management and planning, economics, water trading matters, water pricing, market design and governance.

Previously David was a Queensland Water Commissioner and Director of the South East Queensland Water Grid Manager.

Barry Hart

Professor Barry Hart is currently director of an environmental consulting company (Water Science Pty Ltd) and has over 35 years experience in freshwater ecology.

Barry is an emeritus professor at Monash University and has previously held the positions of Director of the Water Studies Centre at Monash University and Director of Research at the Cooperative Research Centre for Freshwater Ecology. In addition to his role with the Authority, he chairs a number of government scientific and strategic advisory committees.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The Basin Plan: a concept statement and copies of this fact sheet are available on the Murray–Darling Basin Authority website at www.mdba.gov.au.

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ABOUT THE MURRAY–DARLING BASIN AUTHORITY

The Murray–Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) is the statutory agency that manages the Murray–Darling Basin's water resources in the national interest.

MDBA is responsible for preparing and overseeing a legally enforceable management plan — the Basin Plan.

The Basin Plan will:

- set and enforce environmentally sustainable limits on the quantities of water that may be taken from Basin water resources
- set Basin-wide environmental, water quality and salinity objectives
- develop efficient water trading regimes across the Basin
- set requirements for state water resource plans
- improve water security for all Basin water uses.



Board members at the junction of the Darling and Murray rivers.

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