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Hon. Dorothy Kotz MP
Minister for the Environment and Heritage
30 Wakefield Street
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Re: Water Quality River Murray and Compliance of Vessels with the Environmental (Vessels on Inland Waters) Policy 1998.

Dear Minister,

Thank you for your letter of 26 October regarding our proposal for Members of BIASA to assist inspect vessels for compliance with the Environmental (Vessels on Inland Waters) Policy 1998.

As suggested, as a first step, John Milham, Vice President BIASA and I met with your Colin Howard and Brian Howarth yesterday and, we, together have now developed a preliminary plan to further develop a joint approach to the task.

This will require a consultative approach, to involve expertise/input from a number of different bodies.

Your officers and the members of BIASA will invite representatives of the following organisations to attend a "scoping" exercise/meeting to be held at BIASA House at 9.00 am on Tuesday 1 December:

- EPA (2) Messrs Colin Howard and Howarth
- Water Catchment Board (1) To be nominated
- Local Government
 - Murraylands Region (1) To be nominated
 - Riverlands Region (1) To be nominated
- Transport SA
 - Registration (1) To be nominated
 - Marine Facilities (1) To be nominated
- BIASA (2) Vice President, and Executive Manager

Contact will be made today with all offices listed above to confirm arrangements.

Our Draft Agenda, for Meeting #1, "Blackwater Management River Murray Waters" includes:

- Identification of Categories of Craft Involved
- Possible Exclusions to these General Categories
- TSA Registration Requirements/Procedures of Craft Involved (if any)
- Blackwater Management Testing Procedures
- Means of Issue of Certificates of Compliance
- Recovery of Costs Incurred: Inspections and possible Slipping Fees
- Education and Training of River Users and Inspection Personnel
- Parameters for Inspectors;
 - Required Experience/Qualifications
 - Level of Authorisation
 - Means of Accreditation
 - Possible Relationships with (TSA) Marine Surveyors
 - Responsibilities
 - Disclaimers
 - Means of Resolving Disputations
 - Insurance (Public Liability/Professional Conduct)
 - Means of Inspection especially "unshippable" or "unstable" vessels

I would be grateful if you would thank both Colin and Brian for their prompt response and for their highly professional, co-operative input.

We look forward to working with them both, and other officers of your Portfolio if appropriate, to improve the water quality of the River Murray.

Yours sincerely

Glen Jones
Executive Manager