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Letters to the Editor  
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Dear Sir or Madam

I refer to The Advertiser article of Wednesday 30 October, which refers to the disposal of waste water on Houseboats.

The Boating Industry Association (BIA) is the Peak Industry Body for Recreational and Holiday Boating in South Australia. It shares excellent relations with the public and with Government Agencies at all three levels in this country.

We work closely with Government and industry so that South Australians and a growing number of incoming holiday makers can enjoy safe, friendly and environmentally sound water activities including boating.

In the Murray Darling Basin, such pursuits deliver around \$6.5Billion, annually, to our economy.

The BIA assisted the EPA to draft its "Code of Practice" to ensure that not just houseboats, but all craft are obliged to meet exacting (world) environmental standards.

In addition to Government, the BIA has been working with experts from industry, Australia-wide and from overseas too, to ensure that we are with the leaders when it comes to "best practice", environment/water quality.

We in SA are leading the world with our development of an on-board "Grey Water/Waste Water Treatment System". We should have it in production within a few months.

This will help with matters of water quality and deliver dividends to our economy when we begin export activities.

We must all respect SA's magnificent natural assets, including the Murray and its native flora and fauna. We must be mindful and ever vigilant too, because the River Murray provides us with much of our precious domestic water supply.

Andrew Hayes  
**President**  
**Boating Industry Association of South Australia**

