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Reminder to register your interest in Basin Pipe

NSW Water Commissioner, David Harriss, today reminded landholders in the Murray and Murrumbidgee valleys to consider submitting a *Registration of Interest* in the Basin Pipe project.

Mr Harriss said that the Office of Water expect to close round two of the project on 20 September.

“We are seeking *Registrations of Interest* from landholders who currently hold a stock and domestic water licence and take water directly from an inland river,” said Mr Harriss

Funding from the *Basin Pipe Program* will install modern and efficient infrastructure to deliver a more reliable water supply that will provide not only improved on-farm water management, but also ensure a reliable supply of stock and domestic water supply.

“The program focuses on the piping of stock and domestic replenishment flows in ephemeral creeks and developing piping schemes for stock and domestic licence holders.”

“The first round of applications has led to the construction of schemes in the Lower Murray Darling, the Murrumbidgee, and the Lachlan Rivers.”

These schemes are close to completion.

Mr Harriss said that this project could save up to 38,000 megalitres of high security water in the inland rivers of NSW that will help meet the statewide *Sustainable Diversion Limits* proposed in the Commonwealth Government’s Murray Darling Basin Plan.

“Funding under in this project is available for new pumps, pipes, tanks, troughs and associated infrastructure in exchange for water savings,

“Piping for irrigation channels is not included.”

The \$137 million Basin Pipe project is a key component of the State Priority Projects which is funded by the Australian Government Water for the Future initiative.

To register your interest or to simply find out more about the Basin Pipe project and the other Sustaining the Basin Projects visit the NSW Office of Water’s website at - www.water.nsw.gov.au/mdb

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