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Attention: Water Resource Plans
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To whom it may concern,

## **Ref: Wimmera Water Resource Plan Submissions**

Wimmera Development Association (WDA) is the peak economic development organisation for the Wimmera Southern-Mallee region supporting existing local businesses, and promoting economic development opportunities to investors.

The Wimmera Southern Mallee Socio-economic value of Recreational Water project has been a collaboration between WDA, Wimmera CMA, GWMWater and the six councils of the Wimmera Southern Mallee Region (including Buloke) and has been designed to make an initial assessment of the economic and social contribution made by the local weirs, lakes and rivers to the regional economy. This assessment is year one of a longer term annual study. The project encompassed assessments of 24 lakes, weir pools and rivers around the region and will give regional organisations and communities important information for future decision making and infrastructure development.

Please note that this report has been funded by a number of sources with our main funding partner being the WimmeraCMA. This report is currently embargoed until DELWP Media give final approval. For further information regarding this, please contact Tony Baker at the WimmeraCMA (03) 5382 9918

If you have any further queries or require additional information, please do not hesitate to make contact with me on 5381 6505 or <a href="mailto:mfletcher@wda.org.au">mfletcher@wda.org.au</a>

Kind Regards,

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