



## Donald and District Land care Group

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WVP Team

Department of Environment Land Water & Planning Victoria.

Dear Heather,

Thank you for giving our Water, Landcare groups and members of the community the opportunity to see the draft of the Wimmera Mallee Water Resource Plan Summary.

In following up from that meeting there were two points that we thought needed attention.

- As was brought to your attention at the meeting was on page 101 The map showing environmental watering assets. We are aware in the Donald area we only have a few water assets compared to other areas on the map, however they aren't displayed or recognised in this plan.
- The other point which has been noticed is on page 26, the Donald Weir Pool. This water is not recreational water. This water has been gifted from the Donald Mineral Sands I believe 90 ML. The weir pool mentioned is in a trial phase to monitor the effects of continual watering on the surrounding assets. This weir pool trial has been agreed to by landowners, Landcare, Buloke Shire, North Central Catchment Management Authority, Grampians Wimmera Mallee water and Department of Environment Land Water & Planning to have regular monitoring so that there are no further detrimental effects on assets. Hydrogeologists have expressed concerns with the fragile parilla sands and salinity. As it is still in a trial phase it is hard to make it part of a water plan.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Russell".

Elizabeth Russell

Secretary DDLCG