



Auditor-General for Australia



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Dear Dr Stone

Potential audit of the Murray–Darling Basin Authority

Thank you for your letter of 7 September 2015 regarding the Murray–Darling Basin Authority. As you have outlined in your letter, the Authority's implementation of the Murray–Darling Basin Plan has been included as a potential audit in the Australian National Audit Office's (ANAO) *Audit Work Program July 2015*.

As you will appreciate, the ANAO seeks to achieve a spread of topics across the public sector and the selection and timing of audits is dependent on competing audit priorities. However, I note your concerns about the Authority's processes and procedures in implementing the Basin Plan and will consider them when determining the priority and timing of the potential audit.

Yours sincerely

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Acting Auditor-General