



The Peak body for five landholder associations and 1600 irrigators in the Murray Valley

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Southern Riverina Irrigators welcome Minister Wong's announcement of new website to detail water purchases

Southern Riverina Irrigators has welcomed the Federal Minister for Water, Senator Penny Wong's, announcement that the government is developing a public Water Entitlement Website that will contain information of the recent \$50M Commonwealth tender to purchase water entitlements.

Mr Ted Hatty, SRI Chairman, said that SRI addressed the lack of transparency issue with Minister Wong when she visited Deniliquin in April and more recently in Canberra.

"SRI looks forward to the roll out of this website to see the level of transparency that will be provided and is prepared to work with government to make sure the level of transparency is more than adequate to build confidence in the water market.

"The new system needs to be aligned with a system similar to the stock exchange and used or mirrored by the several state agencies operating in the water market.

"Due to the present issue of delayed transfers of temporary and permanently traded water, a critical step towards achieving water market transparency is the construction and adoption of a streamlined transfer system." Mr Hatty concluded.

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