



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

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SRI meet with Nathan Rees MP NSW Minister for Emergency Services and Water

SRI took the opportunity to meet with the NSW Minister for Emergency Services and Water, Nathan Rees MP, in Leeton yesterday. Representatives of the SRI executive discussed the many issues our region is facing.

Mr Hatty, chairman SRI said. "The first priority was to raise the need for relief from fixed water charges due to the continuing drought conditions and prospect of another year of zero allocation.

"SRI also discussed a range of other issues including the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and the proposed larger regulatory role of the ACCC within irrigation co operations.

"Another important issue that was clarified was the concern that SA's ability to carry over Critical Human Needs water could impact on other states access to water once the current drought is over.

"The Minister indicated an understanding of our key issues. He also showed a willingness to work with irrigators to find solutions that will work for all stakeholders." Mr Hatty concluded.

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