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**Productivity Commission
Level 12, 530 Collins Street,
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Submission to the Productivity Commission

Re: Murray-Darling Basin Plan: Five-year assessment - Draft Report (August 2018)

The Executive Committee of the Scientific Expedition Group support the submission by one of our members Bob Newman MICE MIEAust (retired), who has significant knowledge and experience of Murray-Darling Basin matters.

The Scientific Expedition Group is a not-for profit organisation which began in 1984. SEG undertakes several expeditions each year to record scientific information on wildlife and the environment in many parts of South Australia.

The Group has a close connection to Nature Foundation SA Inc which currently has an active program of environmental watering for key wetlands throughout the River Murray corridor in SA (using Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder water allocations).

Overall the submission by Bob Newman supports the Productivity Commission inquiry process, findings and recommendations but highlights some ongoing key issues of concern. Many of these will require increased effort by the Basin Governments.

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