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Dear Minister Jackson,

**RE: Review of Menindee Lakes**

BOC's current review of Menindee Lakes presents a rare and significant opportunity to deliver outcomes for NSW Murray communities, productivity, and the environment that are genuinely fit for purpose for future generations.

However, MRSRG is concerned this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity may be lost without a clear, transparent, and collaborative process.

For more than two decades, local communities, industry groups, and technical experts have put forward a wide range of practical options to improve the operation of Menindee. It is well established that **co-design** is the most effective model for developing durable, evidence-based solutions in complex systems such as this.

To ensure the review delivers meaningful outcomes, we strongly encourage NSW to **publicly present the full suite of available options** (including those developed and submitted by local communities) as part of the consultation process. Transparent presentation of options is essential for informed discussion, rigorous testing of ideas, and genuine community partnership.

As with any reform or major project, the strongest outcomes emerge when ideas are shared, challenged, and refined by people with diverse expertise and lived experience. NSW has an opportunity to lead by example through a process that is **well designed, community-led, and grounded in local knowledge**.

We hope that by raising these concerns early, we can support NSW in adopting an approach that recognises the significant value of community knowledge. We recognise that consensus will not always be easy, but a collaborative process will deliver far more durable and trusted outcomes than a top-down approach.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We look forward to NSW adopting a review process that reflects the complexity of Menindee, respects the people who rely on it, and delivers solutions that stand the test of time.

Yours Sincerely,

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