

The Australian Democrats' Scathing Response to the Government's Fish Kills Report

The recently re-registered Australian Democrats' response to the government report on fish kills in the Murray Darling Basin is one of headshaking after yet another disappointing government announcement addressing the supposed protection and sustainability of one of Australia's most iconic and important natural water systems.

Australian Democrats Deputy National Leader, Peter Mailler responded by saying: "David Littleproud's announcement will not resolve anything or provide certainty for basin communities or stakeholders."

Mailler acknowledges, "The issues and competing forces in the basin are complex," however warns "the only way to stabilise the basin and instil public confidence is through a thorough, objective, federal royal commission. The trial by popular opinion must stop and a thorough and objective inquiry free from political interference is now essential to protecting the rivers, basin communities and industries."

When asked about the action taken by government in the Murray Darling Basin in the past, Mr Mailler stated, "The Murray Darling Basin has and continues to be a political football exploited by opportunists for political gain."

Mr Mailler concluded by saying, "Basin communities deserve better," a sentiment echoed by the Australian Democrats Party who will be contesting the upcoming federal election in order to fight for better protection of Australia's natural environments and the lives and livelihoods of rural Australians.

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