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Dear Sir/Madam

**Subject: Community management of low flows acknowledged**

We are at the tail end of another dry irrigation season, with El Niño impacting on river and groundwater levels throughout the region.

I would like to express our appreciation of the efforts made by water-takers throughout the region. We have seen an extremely high level of compliance with consent conditions and swift response to reduce or cease taking water when required. Communities have done an outstanding job of adhering to minimum flows, sharing and rationing what water is available.

Although the El Niño conditions have weakened we may still see its effects into early winter. We will continue to monitor the impact of this on rivers, aquifers and soil moisture levels in the region.

For those of you taking water under a 'deemed permit', you will have received information from us reminding you about its expiration in 2021. If you're not already working as part of a water management group, now is a good time to consider joining one. Working with others may provide greater opportunities to share available water in times of need. You may also be able to share the costs of applying for a new consent with other deemed permit holders in the area.

Even if you already hold an RMA consent, you can still be part of a water management group. If you'd like to find out more about the benefits of water management groups or whether there are any operating in your area give us a call on [0800 474 082](tel:0800474082).

Once again, thank you for your cooperation throughout the season.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Bodeker".

Peter Bodeker  
**Chief Executive**

