



SAMI WATER METER POLICY

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1. All licenced irrigators must have an accurate water meter installed at the point of extraction.
2. There must be a transparent up to date database which shows the “Potential” Total storage capacity of the MDB system, the total storage levels, flow levels, consumption levels, health levels for each section of the system and the total basin.
3. This data base should be updated monthly showing total usage and storage data.
4. All licenced irrigators should have their meters read annually.

Background

SAMI is representing all licensed irrigators along the River Murray in SA and wants to ensure that its members are treated fairly by Governments and Authorities.

SA Murray Irrigators are efficient when it comes to the use of water and have been capped since 1969.

SAMI believes that the best way to ensure that all water is accounted for and used efficiently is to have all water usage metered and monitored, so that all users of the resource are treated equally, and we have detailed figures showing exactly where every drop of water goes This requires constant up to date, real time data by using modern water meters. The state will then be in a better position to manage its water in the next drought period.

Adoption of policy

Formally adopted by SAMI on 11/4/06

Review

SAMI will review this policy bi-annually

Information

The contact person for information in relation to this policy is the SAMI Chairperson.