



# REDUCTION OF BACKWATER EVAPORATION

## CONTENT

1. SAMI would like to see a water management style that mimics the natural cycles of wetting and drying of backwaters and wetlands so as to minimise evaporation losses as a whole of river approach (within the constraints of a regulated system). This may include constructing water management structures to achieve the desired outcome.
2. Irrigators that use these backwaters and wetlands as a point of water extraction should not be disadvantaged by any proposal to manage these areas. Where an irrigator is affected or disadvantaged there should be assistance and compensation by Government.

### **Adoption of policy**

Formally adopted by SAMI on 10/1/06

### **Review**

SAMI will review this policy bi-annually

### **Information**

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