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### **SAMI involved in carryover policy consultation**

The best outcome for SA River Murray irrigators is to have water licence security with a guarantee of 100% allocation when SA receives full entitlement flow. However, SAMI agrees that following recent drought years and water restrictions, having the option of carrying over unused water to the next irrigation year is useful with risk management and planning ahead.

The SA Government is working on establishing a long-term carryover policy and SAMI has been invited to participate, along with other key stakeholders, in the consultation process. Before SAMI can provide input into potential carryover policy there are questions that need to be answered such as “who is entitled to carryover?” and “how much carryover?” SAMI also wants to ensure that the diversion cap comes with the carryover water so that it doesn’t affect the current year’s cap.

SAMI will be holding information sessions regarding the draft Basin Plan. The first meeting will be held in Renmark before the release. Another meeting will be held in Blanchetown during the draft Basin Plan consultation period.

SAMI will hold their Annual General Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September in Mannum, and attendees will be given the opportunity to tour the Paddle Steamer Marion, moored at Arnold Park Wharf as part of the Mannum Dock Museum.

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