

Water (Indigenous Values and Uses) Direction 2018

I, DAVID LITTLEPROUD, Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, make the following direction.

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1 Name

 This is the *Water (Indigenous Values and Uses) Direction 2018*.

2 Commencement

 This instrument commences on 1 July 2018.

3 Authority

 This instrument is made under section 175 of the *Water Act 2007*.

4 Definitions

Note: A number of expressions used in this instrument are defined in section 4 of the Act, including the following:

(a) Authority;

(b) Basin Plan;

(c) environmental watering;

(d) held environmental water;

(e) Indigenous person;

(f) Murray-Darling Basin.

 In this instrument:

***Act*** means the *Water Act 2007*.

***Indigenous uses*** has the meaning given by section 10.52 of the Basin Plan.

***Indigenous values*** has the meaning given by section 10.52 of the Basin Plan.

***water accounting period*** has the meaning given by section 3.08 of the Basin Plan.

5 Direction

 (1) For each water accounting period, the Authority must report on how, when planning for environmental watering in the Murray-Darling Basin, holders of held environmental water:

 (a) considered Indigenous values and Indigenous uses; and

 (b) involved Indigenous people.

 (2) The Authority must publish the report prepared for subsection (1) on its website within 6 months after the end of the water accounting period.

 (3) Subsection (1) applies to each water accounting period that commences after the water accounting period ending 30 June 2018.