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### **09 MURRAY RIVER WATER POLICY STATEMENT ON WATER QUALITY**

To maintain and where necessary improve the existing water quality of the River system;

To ensure that the existing water quality is not allowed to deteriorate;

To encourage the best practical methods of waste treatment and disposal;

To actively encourage and promote off-river disposal of waste water, particularly industrial waste water and effluent by irrigation or evaporation;

To actively encourage and promote point source removal of pollutants, including total dissolved solids and nutrients, wherever possible;

To take any actions to ensure that effective pollution control will be a reality and that by the year 2000 all urban centres, industries and developments be required to provide off river disposal of waste water and effluent;

To encourage and ensure that the natural water resources of the River Murray system is capable of sustaining economic viability for the vast community so dependent on it;

To promote an environment within the River Murray catchment capable of meeting community expectations in respect of conservation, production, aesthetic, recreation and preservation;

To have adequate quantities of clean air, clean water, fertile soil and biodiversity leading to a healthy community with a sustainable lifestyle to the benefit of the nation;

To encourage and promote a uniform approach to pollution control and adopted criteria by all levels of government.

(Adopted by Council 21/11/1995)