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### MDBA to be questioned on SA Lower Lakes

The Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) will be asked to explain why South Australia's Lower Lakes appear to be exempt from any tough decisions in the planning of the Murray Darling Basin Plan.

NSW Farmers President Fiona Simson will attend the MDBA's consultation meetings in Griffith and Deniliquin this week.

"NSW Farmers rejected the Draft Basin Plan because it didn't meet any of our four key expectations, one of which questioned water management options for the Lower Lakes, the mouth of the Murray," she said.

"Many people don't realise the Murray mouth is effectively a giant dam where around 1000 gigalitres of fresh water evaporates every year.

"Even fewer people realise there is a man-made marina within this dam, which requires a constant water level that the natural estuarine environment of the Lower Lakes can never provide.

"The sad reality is that communities such as Griffith and Deniliquin could be compromised to maintain an artificial environment," Mrs Simson said.

NSW Farmers is now calling for an independent inquiry into water management options for South Australia's Lower Lakes.

Members of NSW Farmers and their friends are encouraged to attend the following MDBA meetings:

Thursday 15 December	GRIFFITH	9am- midday	Yoogali Club
Friday 16 December	DENILIQVIN	8:30am-11:30am	Deniliquin Racecourse

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