



## Report of WET – Water Election Team

WET asked candidates 43 questions. The Greens, Coalition, six Democrats, Family First, Socialist Alliance and an Independent answered all questions. The ALP provided policy statements but no specific answers.

### All respondents stated a commitment to

- water as a human right
- the River Murray as a living system
- the *Water Act 2007*
- an adjustment plan for communities
- an independent authority to manage the system as a whole
- open and transparent government
- upholding international obligations

### Significant policy differences

- The Greens and Democrats challenge overseas ownership and corporate farming; oppose a weir at Wellington and opening the barrages; would stop the desalination plant at Port Stanvac
- ALP and Coalition embrace market forces – the ALP will continue buy-backs until the health of the River is restored; the Coalition will buy temporary water for the Coorong

### Big picture

- ALP – a sustainable Australia
- Coalition – Howard's 10 point plan
- Greens – a national population policy

What kind of society do **you** believe in?

WET - a strong voice for the environment, healthy economies and healthy communities. Strong actions to match party policies.

Further detail and analysis: [www.hurrysavetheMurray.com/water-election-team/](http://www.hurrysavetheMurray.com/water-election-team/)

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