Date: 8 April 2019

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Dear Mr Bilske,

Subject: Development Application – DA 10.2019.41.1

This letter is in reference to development application 10.2019.41.1: water recreation structure / wharf or boating facility construction of pontoon and walkway structure connected to existing boardwalk with associated lighting, filtered water connection and sewer dumping facility. The subject land is Lot: 107 DP: 756508, Lot: 2 Sec: 26 DP: 758053, Lot: 159 DP: 1049554, 9 Murray Street Barham.

In considering this proposal, it is the Murray-Darling Basin Authority’s (MDBA) role to ensure that the water quality of the River Murray is maintained or improved, contributing to the protection of the riverine and floodplain environment. In addition, our role is to ensure that there is no impact on the flow carrying capacity of the River Murray.

Based on the information provided, the MDBA has now assessed this planning proposal and concludes that if constructed as specified, the proposed activity, in isolation, is unlikely to have a detrimental impact on the flow, use, control or quality of the River Murray.

The MDBA notes that an accumulation of debris may exacerbate erosion adjacent to and downstream of the structure, and may place pressure on the structure itself. Therefore, MDBA requests that consideration be given to management of debris to avoid any erosion of the river bank/river bed.

The proponent of development application, 10.2019.41.1 needs to be aware that the MDBA has responsibility to regulate the River Murray and cannot guarantee water levels. As part of river operations, variation in river and weir pool levels, both up and downstream, may become more pronounced, and average levels may significantly change.

Should you have any further queries, please direct them to RiverMurrayHealth@mdba.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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