

CASTERTON WEIR COMMITTEE



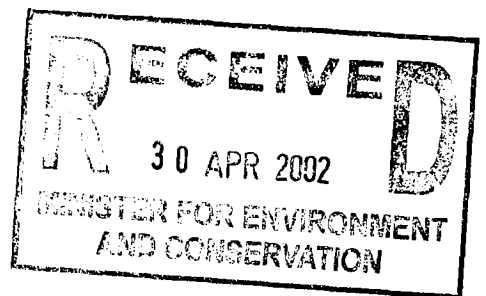
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Dear Madam,

I am responding to a request per the press, in submitting broadly, the proposal to construct a low level weir within the Glenelg River at Casterton. Our Weir Committee, which I am writing on behalf of, were heartened to learn that highlighting the number of positive aspects that appears in the Draft Report, was the need for local communities to be empowered to make decisions on rivers that balance their environmental, economic and social needs.

We feel our community has addressed this concern, with two public meetings over a period of three years, endorsing the need to construct a low level weir, incorporating a drop board system for control of the water.

The need for a body of water within a prescribed area of the Glenelg River at Casterton, particularly over the summer/autumn period, is a valid and obvious concern to the town and district residents and historically, has been the subject of considerable discussion with the Glenelg Shire Council, the Glenelg-Hopkins Management Authority and Southern Water.

Endorsement of the proposal and the structure plans, have received solid support at local level (at two public meetings 98% favour), the Glenelg Shire, as well as recognition of the need by the Statutory Water Authorities.

As you are no doubt aware, the Glenelg River is a major contributor to the Wimmera/Mallee Water Supply System. We are also conscious of the proposal to pipe this system, to save an enormous amount of water. We indeed support this proposal and would encourage the authorities and the legislators to bring this proposal to reality as soon as possible.

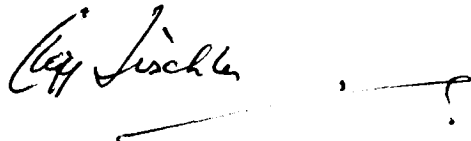
We do feel that Casterton and District should also register our needs and special interest with this natural resource, which has a close affinity with this town and district for generations. Support from Casterton Traders, the Angling Club, the

Service Clubs and many others is amply evident, including the Country Fire Authority, for very obvious reasons.

Again, we do wish you to accept our submission and feel this is a very appropriate time to register our interest in the Glenelg River.

Please find enclosed a Draft Plan of the low level weir, including a site map of its location.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cliff Tischler". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line that extends to the right.

Cliff Tischler.