

ACTEW Corporation • CSIRO Land and Water • Department of Land and Water Conservation, NSW • Department of Natural Resources, Queensland • Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Victoria • Environment ACT • EPA, NSW • EPA, Victoria • Goulburn-Murray Rural Water Authority • Griffith University • La Trobe University • Lower Murray Water • Melbourne Water • Monash University • Murray-Darling Basin Commission • Sunraysia Rural Water Authority • Sydney Catchment Authority • University of Canberra



**COOPERATIVE RESEARCH CENTRE FOR FRESHWATER ECOLOGY**

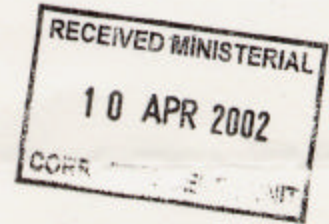
UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA, ACT 2601  
PHONE: (02) 6201 5168,  
FAX: (02) 6201 5038  
E-MAIL: cullen@lake.canberra.edu.au  
WWW: freshwater.canberra.edu.au



MC040141

**Professor Peter Cullen, FTSE**  
*Chief Executive*

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2002



Ms Sherryl Garbutt  
Minister for Environment and Conservation  
591 Grimshaw St  
Bundoora Victoria 3083

Dear Minister,

I write to commend you and your Department for the Draft Victorian River Health Strategy. I have already had the opportunity to publicly commend the strategy, which I regard as a model for what the other States must develop. I trust you will ensure it is made available to your counterparts in other jurisdictions.

The whole idea of regional catchment planning rests on the assumptions that State and Federal Governments can articulate the State and National interests in a clear and unambiguous ways so they can be incorporated into the regional plans. Your draft strategy does this well.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Cullen  
Chief Executive

