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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Draft Victorian River Health Strategy

Clearly, an authorised waterway manager for the Werribee River catchment needs to be appointed. Currently, river health in the Werribee catchment is seriously undermined.

The subject draft strategy suggests in 11.1.3 that management options should be explored. Suggesting that options should be explored at this late stage would leave the Victorian Government open to accusations of inaction on this issue. Surely, the options have been well and truly explored by now.

To safeguard the Government's position and allay the increasing frustration felt by the Werribee catchment community I believe that the strategy should clearly state that a waterway manager will be appointed and adequately resourced within the next 12 months at the latest.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Brennan
Environmental Services Manager