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Dear Sir,

Re: Draft Victorian River Health Strategy.

Thankyou for a copy of the Draft Victorian River Health Strategy and for providing an opportunity to make a written submission to this initiative.

It is recognised that rivers in Victoria are generally degrading and within the Glenelg Shire a river of importance that falls into this category is the Glenelg River. While the need for water from the catchment is well recognised council believes that it is important that environmental flows are maintained to return the river to a reasonable condition. Council actively supports the piping of the Wimmera Mallee System to ensure that more water is available for environmental flows in the Glenelg River. The Draft Victorian River Health Strategy appears to provide a framework to achieve the protection and restoration of rivers and it therefore would contribute to the restoration of the Glenelg River, which is of particular interest to Council.

Thankyou for the opportunity to comment and I trust that the strategy will assist in the restoration of rivers in Victoria.

Yours sincerely,

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