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Dear Councillor Conkey

Thank you for your letter concerning Burrinjuck Dam. I apologise for the delayed response.

The NSW Government is strongly committed to water security for NSW communities and industries, and we are currently investing more \$1 billion in significant dam projects across the state in partnership with the Commonwealth.

The NSW Government is also developing state-wide NSW Water Strategy to improve resilience of the state's water resources over the coming decades. The NSW Water Strategy will address key challenges and opportunities for water management and service delivery across the state and set the strategic direction for the NSW water sector over the long-term.

The NSW Water Strategy is part of a suite of long-term water strategies including 12 regional strategies which set out the approach to maintaining and building the resilience of the state's water resources and response to climate variability and change. The draft Murrumbidgee Regional Water Strategy will consider resilient water resources and cultural assets for communities in the Murrumbidgee region. I expect public exhibition of the draft Murrumbidgee strategy will occur later this year and I encourage you and the community you represent to become involved in that consultation process.

I understand that my colleague, the Hon. Melinda Pavey MP, Minister for Water, Property and Housing has responded to you regarding your suggested future proofing of Burrinjuck Dam and additional storage in the Murrumbidgee region.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fiona Dewar', on a light blue background.

Fiona Dewar
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