



22 October 2018

Mr Mark Parnell, MLC  
Greens Member of SA Parliament  
South Australia

Dear Mark,

**Dredging of the Murray Mouth and cost implications for SA**

As you are aware, the *Australian Coastal Society Ltd* (ACS) is a national 'not for profit' organisation dedicated to healthy coastal ecosystems, vibrant coastal communities and sustainable use of coastal resources. In addition to being Vice-President of ACS, I am also currently the chair the South Australian Branch of ACS.

I would like to bring two issues to your attention;

- 1) The Murray Mouth dredging program clearly cannot operate at its current level in perpetuity (please see my attached submission to the Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commission for details). This raises important cost issues for South Australia. What are the projected costs for South Australia's contribution to the dredging program in the future? Do these costs have an end date?
- 2) There is a current failure in the management of the Murray Darling Basin to achieve one of the objects of the *Water Act 2007*, namely '*Part 2AA - Water for the Environment Special Account, 86AA2(c) ensuring the mouth of the River Murray is open without the need for dredging in at least 95% of years, with flows every year through the Murray Mouth Barrages*' (see my attached submission for details).

Regards

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'N. Harvey', is written below the text 'Regards'.

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