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Hon MIKE RANN MP
GPO Box 2343
Adelaide SA 5001

Dear Premier,

On the 10th October 2009 concerned South Australians from Adelaide and regional communities staged their peaceful protest on the steps of Parliament House under the banner of "*Our Water Our Rights*".

Organised by the Water Action Coalition (WAC) the rally declared its opposition to any measures that will result in the privatisation of water. It opposed the construction of further dams in the Lower Murray and resolved to fight the building of desalination plants in our Gulfs. Adelaide Coastal Waters is already an environmental disaster from wastewater and stormwater pollution.

The rally demands of your Government a change in policy towards more stormwater and waste water recycling, more funds for community conservation measures and actions to secure greater flows of our creeks and rivers.

A large number of community groups and respected environmentalists from throughout the State expressed their public opposition to the Water Security Plan and the actions being taken by your Government.

Enclosed is an open letter from the Honorary Reference Group on behalf of WAC outlining our broad concerns. Also attached is a copy of the Proclamation from the rally.

Never before has an issue provoked such wide debate among South Australians.

The WAC movement is a demonstration of this deep concern. We urge you to abandon the damaging strategies in the Water for the Future Plan and think again.

A sustainable water future without compromising our environment is the only acceptable outcome.

Yours sincerely,

John E. Caldecott
Convenor

Attachments:

WAC Open Letter to Premier – Plea for Action dated 10th October 2009

Our Water Our Rights Rally Proclamation dated 20th October 2009