



Media Release

EVENT:

NSW Government sale at Walgett of 1.2 gigalitres of Great Artesian Basin Licenses for almost \$1 million.

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ABC Landline 26/7/09

<http://www.abc.net.au/landline/content/2008/s2636576.htm>

MEDIA NOTICE

The South Australian Water Action Coalition (WAC) condemns the sale for what it is – the beginning of privatisation of ground water in Australia.

The issue of water licenses should not be a money driven process. Any granting of new licenses needs to be based on feasibility, sustainability and impact on the Great Artesian Basin with the cooperation of all states.

The conversion of water held in public trust by the NSW Government is selling off what is part of the common good which should not be capable of being traded as a profitable commodity.

WAC calls on the Premier of South Australia Mike Rann to publicly denounce the sale and give a commitment to South Australians that the Rann Labor Government does not support the privatisation of groundwater.

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