



Water Action Coalition Achievements

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1. Water Action Coalition Achievements 2009

1.1. Community Water Summit - March 2009

- Community Committee formed, 150 People attended

1.2. Maude Barlow's Adelaide Visit - April 2009

- Grainger Studio 250 people attended, water hot-spots tour

1.3. WAC Launch - Watershed 19 July 2009

- Branding, Charter, "A United Call to Action" Paper, Brochure produced and Honorary Reference Group established.

1.4. WAC Our Water Our Rights Rally - October 2009

- Steps of Parliament House - 22 speakers; Community Organisations, Peak Councils & Politicians; Open Letter to Premier from Hon Ref Group, Rally Proclamation formalised and read out in SA Parliament.

1.5. WAC Rally Call for Public Inquiry in South Australia - December 2009

- Voted & debated in Legislative Council 3 December 2009 – Lost 6 to 12 on major party grounds
- Public Inquiry Terms of Reference produced; every MP & MLC in SA Parliament lobbied.

2. Water Action Coalition Achievements 2010

2.1. WAC Big Water Debate – Alan Scott Auditorium February 2010

- 400 people, 7 politicians, Professor Ian Lowe President ACF, co-partnered with The Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre of the University of South Australia.

2.2. Gulf Troubled Waters Forum – Hallett Cove 7th March 2010

- Partnered with Save Our Gulf Coalition and focussed on the South Coast of Metropolitan Adelaide. Attended by approximately 80 people.

2.3. WAC Submission to Senate Inquiry – 16th June 2010

Water (Crisis Powers & Floodwater Diversion) Bill 2010

- Invited to appear at a Public Hearing held in Canberra on 30th June 2010. Speech Notes prepared and tabled. Professor Diane Bell attended and gave evidence. Submission includes speech notes "River Murray Privatisation" prepared for Clean SA Climate – Water Seminar held on 6th June 2010.

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2.4. Meeting with Minister Caica - 28th July 2010

- Comprehensive Meeting Notes prepared for Minister Caica including questions.
- Questions for Minister Caica prepared by Save Our Gulf Coalition tabled.

2.5. Meeting with Minister Caica 29th November 2010

- Meeting facilitated by WAC for Brownhill Creek Association to present and discuss their ideas for a Sustainable Water Act.

2.6. WAC Submission to MDBA Guide – 17th December 2010

- Submission consisted of 119 pages; Executive Summary, Detailed Review of Basin Guide Appendix A and Presentation Notes "The Great Water Privatisation Experiment" Appendix B.

3. Water Action Coalition Achievements 2011

3.1. WAC Submission Draft Water Industry Act 2010 – 18th January 2011

- Submission entitled "The Great Water Services Privatisation Experiment" and included the Executive Summary from WAC's submission on the MDBA Guide as Appendix A.

3.2. WAC Submission ESCOSA Statement of Issues – 4th February 2011

- Submission entitled "Creeping Privatisation" and included Draft Executive Summary prepared for Parliamentary Inquiry into the Impact of MDB Plan in Regional Australia as Appendix A.

3.3. WAC Submission National Water Commission 2011 Biennial Assessment – 7th February 2011

- Submission entitled "Creeping Privatisation" and included Draft Executive Summary prepared for Parliamentary Inquiry into the Impact of MDB Plan in Regional Australia as Appendix A.

3.4. WAC Submission Parliamentary Inquiry into the Impact of MDB Plan in Regional Australia – 8th February 2011

- [Submission 596](#) entitled "Creeping Water Privatisation" consisted of 133 pages; Executive Summary, Detailed Review of Basin Guide Appendix A and Presentation Notes "The Great Water Privatisation Experiment" Appendix B.

3.5. Submission to Legislative Council of South Australia - Select Committee - Lonsdale Based Adelaide Desalination Plant – 11th February 2011

- Submission included the Executive Summary prepared for Parliamentary Inquiry into the Impact of MDB Plan in Regional Australia as Appendix A.

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3.6. Coorong Mullet Barbecue Dinner, Henley & Grange Community Centre, Henley Beach, featuring Henry Jones - 30th April 2011

- This event was organised in partnership with the Western Adelaide Coastal Residents Association (WACRA) who hosted the event. Henry Jones gave a comprehensive talk - "The Life and Times of the Coorong".
- Henry Jones is a 5th Generation Fisher who has lived most of his life near the banks of the Murray River. He is a member of the Murray Darling Basin Reference Group, River Murray Advisory Board, The Drought Relief Group, President Southern Fishes Association and has given a life time commitment to the Environment.

3.7. WAC's "[Privatisation: The Cost of Water Reform?](#)" forum - 18th May 2011

- This event was presented by the Water Action Coalition and supported by the Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre at UniSA. It features WAC's Patron "Maude Barlow", Ian Douglas (Fairwater Use Australia) and John Caldecott (Water Action Coalition) who all gave keynotes.
- The event was facilitated by the ABC's Deb Tribe and participants included Ross Womersley, Executive Director, SA Council of Social Service, Professor Rob Fowler, Adjunct Professor of Law, University of South Australia. Mark Henley, Uniting Care Wesley Adelaide and Professor Fran Baum, Professor of Public Health and Australia Research Council Federation Fellow, Flinders University.
- Politicians who took part included Penny Wright, Senator Elect, for the Australian Greens and Adrian Pederick MP, Shadow Minister for Agriculture, Food & Fisheries and for Forests.
- WAC was unable to secure a representative of the Australian Labor Party at either a State or Federal level despite many attempts.
- WAC also acknowledges the contribution of [MAD Australia Productions](#) towards making the video of the event which is available from the Hawke Centre website.

3.8. Presentation to Legislative Council of South Australia - [Select Committee - Lonsdale Based Adelaide Desalination Plant](#) – 30th June 2011

- WAC began by giving a presentation using prepared speech notes to argue against the justification for the building of the Adelaide Desalination Plant by examining water sharing issues between the states in the Murray-Darling Basin. WAC was represented by John Caldecott & Darian Hiles and subject to detailed questions from the members of the committee. The final transcript including a copy of the presentation can be downloaded from the Select Committee's website.



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3.9. Submission to Select Committee on Roxby Downs (Indenture Ratification) (Amendment of Indenture)

- This submission argued against the justification for building a 73 GL Desalination Plant at Point Lowly based on economic grounds, the long times scales involved in developing the Olympic Dam mine site, the marine uniqueness of Upper Spencer Gulf and the fact that in relation to the water resources used in the Murray-Darling Basin, the final capacity of the desalination plant is just 0.66% of the long-term average consumption from the Murray-Darling Basin.
- This Select Committee process was a complete sham; the committee never acknowledged or replied to the submission or called public submissions. Despite the accession of the Hon Jay Weatherill as Premier, for this Labor Government it was business as usual.

3.10. Submission to Cities of Adelaide, Burnside, Mitcham, Unley and West Torrens – 12th December 2011

- Submission addressed [Draft Stormwater Management Plan Community Consultation](#) in support of the [Brownhill Creek Association Inc](#)