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NSWIC asks for details of Inspector-General's role

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The NSW Irrigators' Council (NSWIC) welcomes the announcement by Federal Minister David Littleproud yesterday that he would be seek agreement from Ministerial Council to provide appropriate powers to the Interim Inspector-General to immediately investigate the impact of the changing distribution of inflows to the Southern Basin, in State shares under the Murray Darling Basin Agreement.

NSWIC wrote to the Inspector-General on 18 November calling for this - as well as a number of other issues to be investigated including underuse, delivery losses, environmental water accountability, and the management of the Lower Lakes. We are pleased that the Minister has responded positively. You can read the NSWIC letter [[HERE](#)].

With regard to the suggestion that 'Can the Plan' would be an option, a number of significant risks have been clearly identified in the past. NSWIC opposes 'buy backs' and therefore is against ripping up the Murray Darling Basin Plan without cast-iron guarantees of better outcomes. The NSWIC letter outlines many opportunities for the Inspector-General's team to greatly improve water policy and river operations across the Basin and this is how we realise a **Better Plan**.

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