BASIN FACTS

THE MURRAY-DARLING BASIN SEEMS A CONSTANT SOURCE OF CONTROVERSY, BUT A LOOK AT THE **KEY DATES AND STATISTICS ILLUSTRATES WHY.**

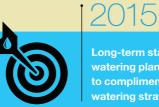
MONITORING AND EVALUATING THE BASIN

The River Murray Waters Agreement is reached, setting out the shares of water available to each state.

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2017

Northern Basin review is released, specifically assessing the existing Basin Plan recovery target of 390GL of water for the river systems of the Northern Basin. It details what a healthy river system needs and the effects of water recovery on communities and river health.



1914

Long-term state environmental watering plans are established to compliment the Basin watering strategy.

2014

The River

Murray

Commission

is established to oversee the

agreement.

The Basin environmental watering strategy is published, building on the Basin Plan, advising stakeholders of ways to plan and manage environmental watering at a Basin scal

2020

The Murray-Darling Basin

Agreement is established,

Murray Commission and

taking a broader scope.

superseding the River



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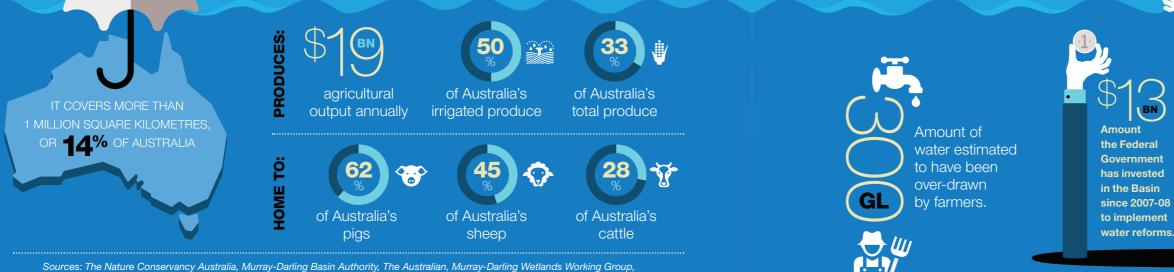
The adjustment of sustainable diversion limit (SDL) is determined, setting constraints on how much water is used in the Basin so as to leave enough water for the environment. To provide flexibility, it includes a mechanism to adjust SDL if outcomes can be reached with less water.

2019

All state water resource plans to be revised to support the development of their water resource plans and ensure they can be accredited on time.



In addition to releasing a five-yearly report on the effectiveness of the Basin Plan, the MDBA expects to conduct a five-yearly review of the environmental watering plan, water quality and salinity targets.



Sources: The Nature Conservancy Australia, Murray-Darling Basin Authority, The Australian, Murray-Darling Wetlands Working Group, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, Infrastructure Australia

Drought begins. The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agrees The Murrayto the National Water Initiative, **Darling Basir** elevating the importance of sustainable use of water resources. The National Water replacing Commission is established the Murrayto implement it. **Darling Basi** Commission The Murray-Darling Basin Plan

is signed into law, aiming to redress the over-allocation of water licences and return more water to the environment.

New water trading rules are announced, aiming to reduce restrictions on trade, improve transparency and access to information and improve market confidence.



The proposed time for the completion of agreed constraints measures and the completion of supply and efficiency measures for the SDL adjustment outlined in 2017.

Proportion of that money spent on irrigation infrastructure and efficiency programs.



Amount the Federal Government subsidises the coal, oil and gas sector annually, in comparison.

