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## FAMILY FIRST DESPAIRS AT ALP INACTION ON RIVER MURRAY

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FAMILY FIRST MLC Robert Brokenshere has criticised comments in the media this morning by Minister for Climate Change and Water, Penny Wong, rejecting environmental groups' calls for \$9m to be spent for 30 Gigalitres of water to come down the Murray to replenish the Lower Lakes and get through the heatwave and summer.

"The Federal Minister should be focussing on South Australia, as a Senator for South Australia", Mr Brokenshere said

"This Government has failed to focus on the Murray River when it considers economic stimulus"

"A stimulus of water for the River would be huge for tourism and the Lower Lakes"

"Yet the Rudd Government's current model of stimulus package spends nothing on water at all!"

"Let's remember \$9 million is a drop in the bucket of the \$42 **billion** that the Rudd Government is looking to spend to stimulate the economy. Remember 80% of Australians saved the last stimulus, money spent on water will come down the River and replenish our waterways"