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FAMILY FIRST CALLS FOR GOOLWA PUBLIC MEETING ON LOWER LAKES

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TO VHT (Horn) and Michael Owen

FAMILY FIRST MLC Robert Brokenshere has re-issued a call to the Government to call a public meeting at Goolwa to clear up uncertainty about the Lower Lakes.

In his letter to the Minister on 18 November, Mr Brokenshere said: *“I have been concerned to hear over recent years from the State and Federal Governments, and various other sources, mixed messages to the communities around the Lower Lakes regarding its survival as a freshwater lake”*. Two months later, there has been no reply.

“Revelations in AdelaideNow today that in January 2003 the Premier told the National Press Club that the Lower Lakes were in a ‘terrifying’ state back then raise more questions about what the Government’s agenda is about the Lakes”

“All we’ve seen for informing the Lower Lakes communities are daytime workshops this week which were put on at short notice and very difficult for working people to attend”, Mr Brokenshere said.

“This Government needs to come clean on its plans for the Lakes. It was well and good for the Government to call a public meeting at Hallett Cove when it had a good news story about the desalination plant”, Mr Brokenshere added, “Why can’t there be a public meeting at Goolwa about the fate of the Lower Lakes?”

“On many occasions the Government has expressed its concern that there’s as much water evaporating out of the Lakes as Adelaide’s domestic use each year. The Government’s signals for some time have been grave concern about the Lakes”

“There are too many economic, environmental and social issues hinging on the closure of the Lakes to leave people in the dark on the Government’s intentions”