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VICTORIAN CAP ON XENOPHON- \$1bn PACKAGE IS NOT ON!

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FAMILY FIRST MLC Robert Brokenshere has called upon Premier Rann to get on the phone to Premier Brumby in Victoria to urge that state to lift its 4% trading cap so that the full effect of the Xenophon-gained \$1bn bonus package for brought-forward water buyback can occur immediately.

“I’m calling on premier urgently to contact John Brumby given that, I hear, the package is in jeopardy because the Victorian 4% cap will drive up prices artificially and less water will be available for purchase – and both of those factors combine to ensure that there will be less water getting down to South Australian irrigators and the Lower Lakes”, Mr Brokenshere said

“This Government has failed to fight for us in the past and it took Senator Xenophon in Canberra to start gaining some benefits. We fought for an amendment to the River Murray handover that would have looked after SA interests (by protecting permanent plantings as ‘critical human needs’) – but the Government would not support that amendment.

“The power of veto in each State means the handover package is not strong enough. Nothing will really change with a deficient handover package”

“So I’m calling upon the Premier to fight for South Australia and call the Victorian Premier and say their trading cap is not on”

Note: announcements yesterday from DWLBC are that irrigators are continuing on 18% allocation for another month, far less than what they had available last year and likely spelling the death of even more permanent plantings