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Minister for Water, Property and Housing

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Dear Konstantaras

Thank you for your letter of 28 October 2020 concerning irrigation fish screens. I apologise for the late reply.

In relation to expenditure of fishing license fees, funding for fish screening projects and collaboration between recreational fishers and the irrigation industry, I note my colleague Minister Adam Marshall, Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales, responded to you in late November.

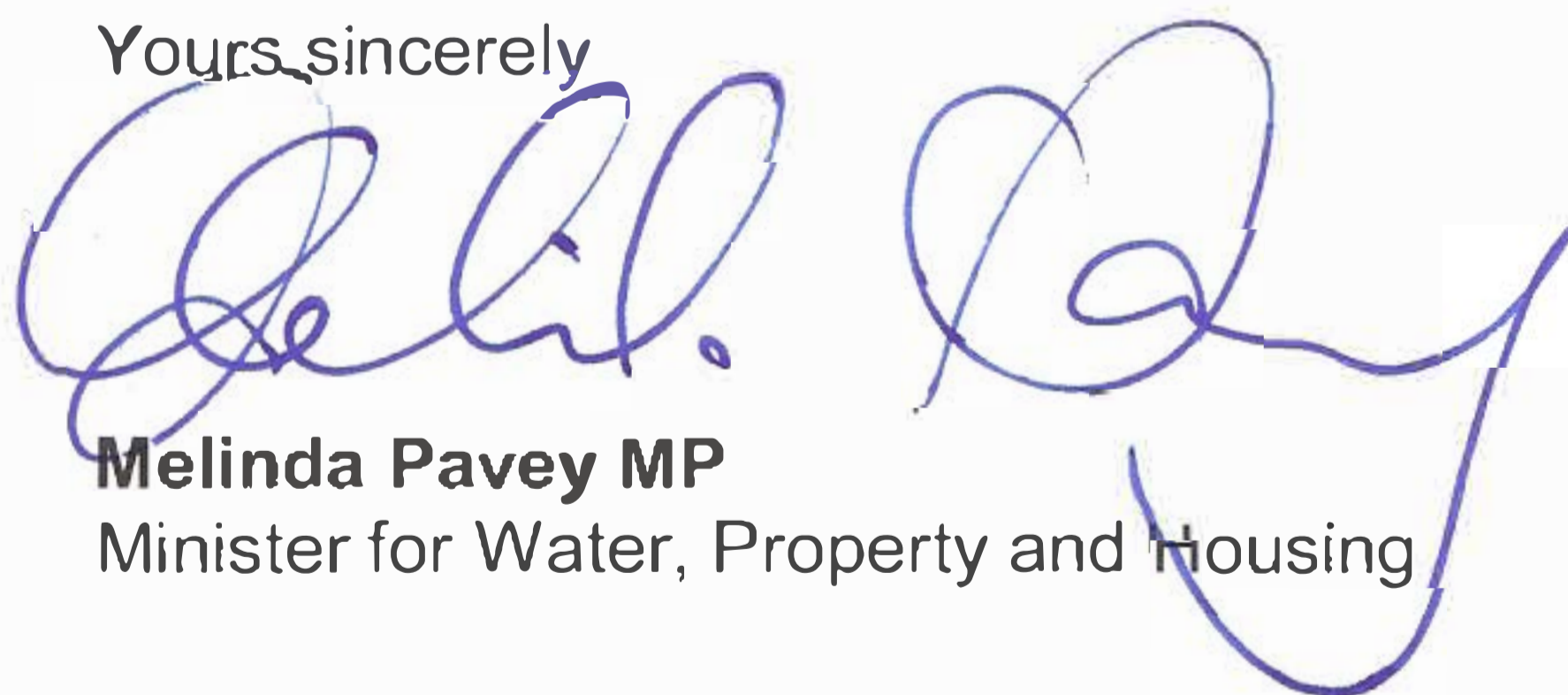
As per the letter from Minister Marshall (enclosed), I understand that the Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries) has established a steering committee and upcoming expert workshop involving recreational fishers and irrigation industry stakeholders to look at the issue of irrigation fish screens.

WaterNSW operates the state's rivers and water supply systems in accordance with the rules set out by regulators. However, in relation to irrigation pumps and the role of WaterNSW, I am advised that WaterNSW does not own, control or regulate private pumps in NSW rivers.

The Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) is responsible for ensuring compliance with NSW water management laws to enable secure and sustainable sharing of water between users and the environment. If you wish to make a confidential report about suspicious water activities, please do so via their website at:

<https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/natural-resources-access-regulator/report-suspicious-water-activities/report-suspicious-activity>

Yours sincerely



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