

# PRESS RELEASE

## RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL

Clr Rod Kendall Chairman, Gerald Pieper General Manager, Peter Clifton Director of Engineering attended the release today by the Hon Phillip Costa MP, of the ***Report of the Independent Enquiry into Secure and Sustainable Water Supply and Sewerage Services for Non Metropolitan NSW.***

The report in part recommends that the 107 current water utilities be organised into 32 regional groups.

In regards to Riverina Water County Council the report recommended that the County Council would retain its current responsibilities for water supply (pg 114 point 29,3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph pg115).

The Minister indicated that submissions will be received up to 20<sup>th</sup> March 2009 with a Ministerial minute to be submitted to Cabinet in the Spring sitting of Parliament.

Whilst this recommendation is generally in agreement with Riverina Water County Council's submission to the enquiry the Council will consider in depth the report at its next meeting in February with a view to submitting a response to the Minister.

The report is now available on the Dept of Water and Energy web site,  
[www.dwe.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dwe.nsw.gov.au).

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