MDBA
SDL Compliance Framework

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Draft SDL Reporting and Compliance Framework

• Sits under MDBAs Compliance and Enforcement Program

• 2017 MDB Water Compliance Review Action 7: the MDBA will prepare and publish an SDL reporting and compliance framework

• Framework for assessment of compliance against SDL and reporting water take:
  • SDL resource unit scale
  • Annual time step
SDLs are long-term average (1895-2009)
Annual permitted take determined using same method
For SDL compliance, annual permitted take is compared to annual actual take
Cumulative balance is compared to compliance trigger from 2019
Compliance test

1: Is balance < 20% of SDL? [✓] Compliant

2: Is balance ≥ 20% of SDL? with reasonable excuse [✓] Compliant with a reasonable excuse – “make good”

3: Is balance ≥ 20% of SDL? but no reasonable excuse [✗] Non-Compliant – “make good”
Reasonable excuse – an example pathway

- **Y1**
  - Actual Take Yr.
  - Compliant with RE if … MDBA publishes States report on Yr. 1

- **Y2**
  - Actual Take Yr. 2

- **Y3**
  - Forecast Take Yr. 3
  - State investigates issue/data
  - State reviews method/model
  - Compliant with RE if … MDBA publishes States report on Yr. 2
  - State notifies GiU

- **Y5**
  - Implement GiU
  - Implement GiU (BP 10.11, 10.12)
Next steps

• Finalisation by end September 2018
  ➢ to allow for any legislative amendments to be reflected
  ➢ some changes anticipated to SDL accounting but not to scope of ‘reasonable excuse’

• The MDBA will continue to consult with States and peak bodies in the development of the draft Framework

• The MDBA will host webinars on the Framework in July/August