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Press statement - Chowilla - River Murray Waters Agreement

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RIVER MURRAY WATERS AGREEMENT.

The 1970 Agreement to be amended as follows:-

Clause 13, paragraph (a) - Delete "completion of the construction of the Chowilla Reservoir shall be deferred until the Contracting Governments agree that the work shall proceed. Furthermore,".

After "in the case of any work" insert "approved after the first day of October, 1970".

New Clause. After clause 13 insert new clause as follows:

13A. After clause 24A the following clause

is inserted:-

Study of River Murray system, including proposed Chowilla Reservoir to be made.

24B. (1) As soon as practicable the Commission shall make a study of the River Murray system, including the proposed Chowilla Reservoir, with a view to determining where the next storage for that system after the commencement of work on the Dartmouth Reservoir is to be situated to meet the needs of persons relying on the waters of the river.

(2) For the purposes of the study, so far as it relates to the proposed Chowilla Reservoir and in estimating the cost of that reservoir, no account shall be taken of the cost of the works referred to in paragraph (ii) of clause 20 or of the cost of dismantling or flooding those works.

New Clause. After clause 24 insert new clause as follows:-

24A. After clause 49 the following clause is inserted:-

Increase in storage from new works to be shared equally between New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia.

49A. If, by reason of any work commenced after the commencement of work on the Dartmouth Reservoir, there is an increase in the storages in the River Murray system, the States of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia shall share equally the waters made available by such increase.

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(2) For the purposes of the study, so far as it relates to the proposed Chowilla Reservoir and in estimating the cost of that reservoir, no account shall be taken of the cost of the works referred to in paragraph (ii) of clause 20 or of the cost of dismantling or flooding those works.

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(2) For the purposes of the study, so far as it relates to the proposed Chowilla Reservoir and in estimating the cost of that reservoir, no account shall be taken of the cost of the works referred to in paragraph (ii) of clause 20 or of the cost of dismantling or flooding those works.

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After clause 19 insert new clause as follows:  
19A. After clause 24A the following clause is inserted:-

19B. (1) As soon as practicable the Commission shall make a survey of the River Murray system, including the proposed Ghovilla Reservoir, with a view to determining where the main storage for that system after the commencement of work on the Dartmouth Reservoir is to be situated to meet the needs of persons relying on the waters of the river.

(2) For the purposes of this clause, as far as it relates to the proposed Ghovilla Reservoir and in estimating the cost of that reservoir, no account shall be taken of the cost of the works referred to in paragraph (1) of clause 19 or of the cost of dismantling or floating those works.

After clause 49 the following clause is inserted:-  
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