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Dairy Farmers Helps Secure Early Review Of Murray Darling Basin Plan

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The Australian Dairy Farmers (ADF) has welcomed the common sense approach shown by the Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) in yesterday's announcement of a pre-release of Basin plan Guidelines in August.

ADF President, Wes Judd said, 'ADF has for sometime communicated to government the need to review the draft Basin Plan before it's finally released'.

'This early review process will now give the dairy industry, agricultural irrigators and the community an opportunity to consider what's proposed and provide vital feedback into the draft Basin plan', he said.

Mr Judd said, 'that although this does provide some level of reassurance on early consultation, it does not remove or weaken the industry message to the MDBA and the Commonwealth Government, that any reduction to irrigation water allocations will have a significant impact on dairy farms in the Basin region'.

'If allocations are reduced, it will not only harm the dairy industry and irrigated agriculture, but all sectors of the community across the Basin region. It is important that everyone understands this,' he said.

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