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MDA welcomes new Ministerial appointments

The Murray Darling Association (MDA) welcomes the appointment of Senator Bridget McKenzie to the position of Minister for Agriculture. We congratulate Senator McKenzie on her return to the Cabinet.

The MDA recognizes the achievement of the Deputy Nationals leader, with Senator McKenzie becoming the first woman to serve as Agriculture Minister when she is sworn in with the new Cabinet on Wednesday.

With rapidly changing water availability in the Murray Darling Basin due to drought, legislative changes under the Basin Plan, and climate variation the MDA recognises the value of distinct portfolios with active collaboration between agriculture, environment and water.

“Our regional communities and member councils are looking for certainty and leadership on the Murray-Darling Basin Plan and for the tools to respond to changing water availability”, CEO Emma Bradbury said. “Changing regional development, agricultural productivity and a healthy working basin will require strong leadership, that of which looks to come from this separation of portfolios”.

As Australia’s peak body representing local government across the Murray Darling Basin since 1944 the MDA looks forward to working with Minister McKenzie in the Agriculture portfolio along with Minister Littleproud as Minister for Water and Minister Ley as Minister for the Environment to support tailored outcomes for communities across the Murray-Darling Basin.

Background:

[Scott Morrisons New Ministry](#)

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