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## MEDIA RELEASE

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## MDA welcomes new Environment Minister

The Murray Darling Association welcomes the appointment of the Hon Sussan Ley to her new position as Minister for Environment. We congratulate Ms Ley on her return to Cabinet.

The MDA commends the re-election of Ms Ley for Farrer and would like to acknowledge candidate Kevin Mack on providing a robust contest that served to elevate the issue of changing water availability across the electorate.

Following the appointment of the cabinet the MDA looks forward to working with Minister Ley as well as Ministers Littleproud and McKenzie as Australia's peak body representing Local Government across the Murray Darling Basin. The MDA sees the separation of portfolios as an opportunity to help carry out the Murray Darling Basin Plan in a way that best supports communities, economic development, and sustainable productivity.

The MDA looks forward to working with Minister Ley to highlight the issue of changing water availability across the entire Basin and the opportunities for balancing irrigation and environmental priorities effectively.

Background:

**Scott Morrisons New Ministry** 

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