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Murray Valley Development League

NAME, ORIGIN, OBJECTIVES

1. The Murray Valley Development League (hereinafter called "the League") was constituted by resolution of the Yarrawonga Conference on 14th August, 1944, and adhered to by South Australian Regions at the Murray Bridge Conference on 8th December, 1944, for the purpose of ascertaining the potentialities of the Murray Valley Region and of deciding how best this information can be obtained and used.

2. The League recognises the Murray River as the unifying factor of the adjacent regions and will plan and inspire development irrespective of political boundaries.

3. Therefore the objectives of the League are :—

- To secure the maximum conservation of water in the Murray and its tributaries.

- To secure the overall development of the Murray Valley through the development and utilisation of its natural and potential resources to the maximum extent consistent with their wise conservation.

4. To achieve such development the League seeks the setting-up, through agreement by the Commonwealth and the States of New South Wales, South Australia and Victoria of a competent and impartial Board of Enquiry to :—

- Enquire into and report upon the methods for restoring and maintaining the Murray catchment area.,

- Report on all matters in connection with the development of the Murray Valley in all its economic, cultural and social aspects, having regard in particular to the following subjects :—

- (a) The condition of settlement throughout the Valley.
- (b) Any alteration in existing conditions of settlement that may be desirable in order better to induce increased settlement, development and production.
- (c) Methods for the better utilisation of the lands of the Valley and the development of their potentialities.

by :—

- (i) The further development of irrigation schemes;
- (ii) Ensuring the use of the lands for the purpose for which various areas are best suited;
- (iii) Encouraging the investment of capital therein;
- (iv) Securing the permanent improvement of the lands by correction of soil erosion, re-afforestation and pastures;
- (v) Encouraging increased profitable production;
- (vi) Providing for organised marketing of products;
- (vii) The establishment of appropriate industries.
- (d) The transport facilities of the Valley and any possible improvement of an economic nature, having regard to the needs of the land, industries, and particularly the marketing of products.
- (e) Generally a plan of development in respect of the lands and land industries over the next 50 years.

(f) The productive potentialities and population supporting capacity of the Valley under the system of development which may be recommended.

(g) The provision of amenities, social and cultural, for the increased population that may accrue by the implementation of the recommendations of the Committee.

- Recommend the administrative organisation necessary to give effect to the carrying-out of the plan of development recommended.

5. The League will co-operate with and assist the Federal Government and the Governments of New South Wales, South Australia and Victoria in any action taken by such Governments which will, in the League's opinion, advance the development of the Murray Valley.

6. In furtherance of its objective the League may employ such servants and agents, establish such offices, organise and produce such advertising and publicity as it deems fit.

7. The League may buy, sell, lease or otherwise acquire or dispose of such land, buildings and goods as it may deem fit.

8. The League may borrow money on debenture or otherwise for the purpose of giving effect to the League's policy and/or achieving the League's objective.

OFFICE 9. The Head Office of the League shall be at Albury or such other place as the Executive Council shall decide.

CONSTITUENT REGIONS 10 Six constituent Regions as defined in this paragraph comprise the area more particularly to be developed through the League's activities. The Regions are respectively bounded by the limits of the following Local Government areas :—

REGION No. 1

In New South Wales

Albury	—	Municipality
Coreen	—	Shire
Corowa	—	Municipality
Culcairn	—	Shire
Holbrook	—	Shire
Hume	—	Shire
Tumbarumba	—	Shire
Urana	—	Shire

In Victoria

Beechworth	—	Shire
Benalla	—	Shire
Bright	—	Shire
Chiltern	—	Shire
Oxley	—	Shire
Rutherglen	—	Shire