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Dear Shareholders,

As you're aware I am up for re-election in this year's Murray Irrigation Board election. I remain passionate and committed to Murray Irrigation and irrigated farming in this region. I want to ensure ongoing board stability and performance so we can restore confidence, prosperity, and most importantly return water to our region.

I would like your support to re-elect me as a director of Murray Irrigation. I am prepared to continue as Chair with the boards support. Over the next four years we will face the review of the Basin Plan in 2024. It will be absolutely critical that to address the 3rd party impacts we are experiencing and to influence the outcomes of this process we will need stability and respect within the Murray Irrigation board and unity in our region.

The Board of Murray Irrigation, management and external consultants have put a lot of serious time, thought and resourcing into our agreed strategy and I absolutely stand by it.

Our job at Murray Irrigation is first and foremost, to maintain our infrastructure so we can deliver your water accurately, on time and when you want it. This is done with a key focus on maximising the efficiency of our water resources as a company; to reward you, our shareholders, with multiple benefits for farming within Murray Irrigation.

Murray Irrigation has commissioned a new channel control system that focuses on best possible delivery and maximum efficiency whilst keeping costs down and coping with the variability of our allocations and volumes delivered. We also have a focus on infrastructure maintenance that can easily be neglected during difficult times.

We have re-established firm but respectful relationships with all levels of government and bureaucracy as we go about delivering your water. At the same time, we have put a stop to water recovery programs from this region and have made it clear to government we will not be giving back any more water under the Basin Plan. We have agreements in place that benefit you, our shareholders, by delivering river ops water and environmental water with our spare channel capacity. We have made it very clear that these agreements are contingent on the choke trade rules staying in place. We are committed to improving these arrangements to further benefit our region.

Whilst we are maximising the efficiency of our water delivery to you, our shareholders, we have also been driving this efficiency philosophy back through river operators, government and environmental water holders at the higher level. We know that if they take the same holistic approach we will see earlier, higher allocations and better outcomes from environmental watering without recovering more entitlements.

As a shareholder of Murray Irrigation this will give you lower relative costs. You will also see greater water yield through WaterWell products and general security allocations. You, the shareholder will always come first. At a personal level I would like to see an increase in the water users' credit. Rewarding and encouraging water use, so that the Murray Irrigation region is truly the best place to farm.

I encourage you to vote in this election to show your support for what we are doing. This will provide confidence that the community supports the mandate of MIL and our commitment to get the outcomes for our region that we are entitled to.

We know that with the variability of our climate, as a nation we must manage our water resources more effectively so our region can continue to produce the affordable food and fibre that people consume every day. Murray Irrigation is now well positioned to drive this outcome. I am asking for your vote so I can continue to deliver on these objectives on your behalf.

As always, if you would like to discuss any of this, have concerns or ideas please feel free to contact me.

Thank you

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