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### BOB DAY – Federal Chairman & Lead Senate Candidate



If SA relinquished its Constitutional powers over the River Murray to a 'national body' it would be an act of absolute folly, according to Family First Lead Senate Candidate Bob Day.

"It would be inevitable that any so called 'national body' would be dominated by Eastern States interests - and we all know how much they care about South Australia".

It would go down as one of the worst decisions in our State's history, said Mr Day.

"National bodies are appointed by politicians and the reality is there are 110 Federal electorates in Qld, NSW and Victoria and only 11 in SA. We'd be outnumbered 10 to 1. And don't think they wouldn't use their numbers to do the bidding of their big rice and cotton growers", he said.

"(Former SA Premier) Tom Playford would never have done it, and neither should we.

"You have to stand your ground".

"(Independent Senator for Tasmania) Brian Harradine proved what can be done if you put your mind to it on behalf of your State.

Mr Day said the solution to SA's water problems lies in the Senate.

"The Senate is the 'States House'. Each State has the same number of Senators - unlike the House of Representatives where the number of politicians reflects the size of the State's population.

"In the Senate, it doesn't matter how large or small the population of the State is, each gets the same number of Senators. It was designed that way to stop the very thing that is happening right now with our River system.

"If we want SA families to continue to be able to put fresh food on the table and get clean water out of the tap - at prices that do not burden low and middle income families, then we have to stand up for our rights.

"If elected to the Senate next Saturday, I would ensure SA wasn't steamrolled by the eastern States.

"SA has many times demonstrated its ability to stand on its own two feet and take the challenge up to the larger eastern States. It can do it again.

"It's our river, it's our responsibility", he said.