

Potential topics for further collaboration in the MDB , or inclusion in future SEGRA conferences (held within the Basin in particular, but not only), or as the basis of teaching/training exercises.

These items came from discussions held in the post-SEGRA workshop on the MDB and could contribute to the Murray Darling Challenge presented at the 2013 SEGRA conference in Coffs Harbour, or as future topics, hypotheticals or debates at further conferences. The individual ideas all need to be embellished and could go in a many different directions..... I have included a few suggested references or information sources, but only done in a cursory way; getting these is another exercise!

1. Training/teaching course on the philosophical and legislative understandings of 'environment, as well as common perceptions and an appraisal of common language used to describe and communicate these.
2. Ensuring the social side of adaptive management is sufficiently well understood and included in environmental and NRM practice. Refer to diagram tabled by Neil Davidson.
3. Evolving to the emergence stage of communication – moving beyond the narrower portrayals of consultation and generally ineffective practices (such as the production of fact sheets)
4. Identify and assess the common elements of water sharing plans, and the identification of the essential elements of a national water plan (refer to NWC materials, and the draft paper by Finlayson, Waterman & Bland, and presentations at ARDC in Albury in 2014 & 2015).
5. What are the lessons we could learn from other multi-jurisdictional basin-scale water plans (e.g. Mekong, Rhine, EU Water Directive,) and transboundary water management initiative (refer to WWF-International assessments, and Global International Waters Assessment).
6. Where are we with the MDB Water Plan? Progress and further developments, including role of State water sharing plans.
7. Democratic processes and NRM reform – how these are used and potential shortfalls or delays in processes. Making the decisions and doing the needful with people and time on board?
8. MDB travelling roadshow/s.
9. Relationships between the research provider and the clients. Push or pull processes for establishing research agenda or projects?
10. Building ecosystem services into the water management equation. Including wider benefits to people. Ensuring Integrated Water Resource Management practices.