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DEMOCRATS CHALLENGE MAYO CANDIDATES ON MURRAY CREDIBILITY

The Australian Democrats candidate for Mayo Andrew Castrique today challenged the Greens and Liberal candidates for the Mayo by-election to a debate on the River Murray.

“It is very convenient for the Greens to claim credibility on the River Murray issue, but you only have credibility when your statements are matched with action and vision,” said Andrew Castrique Democrats candidate for Mayo.

“Senator Hanson-Young’s statement that “The Greens are the only party that has credibility on the issue” conveniently ignores the many years of work done by the Democrats on water issues in the Senate and indeed here in SA Parliament”

“Our State Leader Sandra Kanck continues to highlight the need to rid Australia of unsustainable agricultural practices and to radically overhaul water pricing systems.”

“Democrats Senators also chaired national inquiries into urban and rural water use which also encompassed the Murray-Darling system”

“I will continue fighting for the Murray by bringing people together, not making broad statements that aim at scoring points”

“The Murray crisis needs action now, not more words.”

“If the debate goes ahead, it should take place on the dried up flats of the Lower Murray at Goolwa to demonstrate what years of talking and not acting have done to a once thriving waterway,” concluded Mr Castrique.

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