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Nearly 80% of the world's population is exposed to high levels of threat to water security. 80% of Asia's rivers are also considered to be in poor health jeopardizing economies and the quality of life, with approximately \$1.75 trillion in ecosystem services per year being threatened.

In Australia, many freshwater river systems are also rated to be in poor or very poor health. Freshwater systems around the world will remain under threat unless considerable effort is made towards enhancing policy.

The 17th International *Riversymposium* provides a valuable opportunity to bring together managers and stakeholders tasked with protecting the most complex and highly contested rivers in the world. These rivers are complex across multiple dimensions – socially, politically, and geo-physically.

Trans-boundary in nature, large rivers support growing populations and are being subjected to increasing climate variability. With increasing levels of degradation being recorded, many river basin communities are investing in research to underpin evidence-based decision making in enhanced governance, policy and institutional reform, and in soft and hard infrastructure to support economic and social development.

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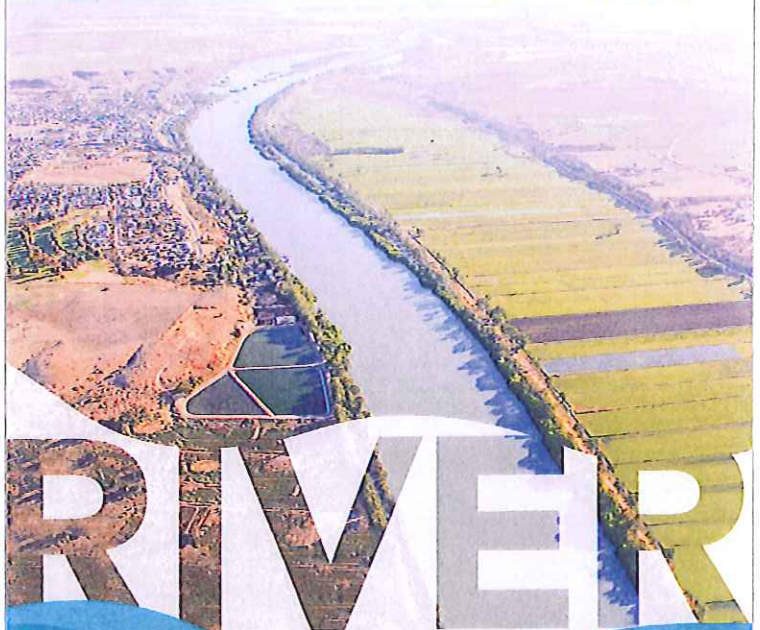
The 17th International *Riversymposium* will be held in Canberra, a city in Australia's large river basin - The Murray Darling.

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