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The Minister for National Development has evidently either failed to read the correspondence from me to the Prime Minister and the unanimous resolution of the South Australian House of Assembly, or he has not appreciated the contents of those documents.

In the first place, I have made it clear that an immediate meeting was required at least for the purpose of assuring potential developers in this State that they were going to get the water which had been previously assured to this State under the River Murray Waters Agreement. This is not only a matter of the technical report upon the Chowilla Dam project.

Secondly, at no stage have I said that legal action will start against the Commonwealth immediately. I have said that if we do not get Chowilla, then action will be taken. That action cannot be taken until a decision by the Commissioners which is in contravention of the Agreement.

When Mr. Fairbairn accuses me of playing politics, I think that he should remember that he who points the finger at somebody else has three pointing at himself.

