

**GRAVESTONES:  
The birth and death of a sample of scientific initiatives, 1985-2015**

Science-based Initiative	Creator	Destroyer	Born	Died
Commission for the Future (CFF)	Hawke Labor government	Howard LNP government	1985	1998
Resource Assessment Commission (RAC)	Hawke Labor government	Keating Labor government	1989	1993
Land and Water Australia (LWA)	Hawke Labor government	Rudd Labor government	1990	2009
Regional Open Space System (ROSS)	Goss Queensland Labor government	Newman Queensland LNP government	1994	2012
National Land And Water Resources Audit (NLWRA)	Howard LNP government	Rudd Labor government	1997	2008
Sustainable Rivers Audit (SRA)	MDB Ministerial Council *	Baird NSW LNP government **	2000	2012
Native Fish Strategy (NFS)	MDB Ministerial Council *	Baird NSW LNP government **	2003	2012
National Water Commission (NWC)	Howard LNP government	Abbott LNP government	2004	2014
Climate Commission (CC)	Gillard Labor government	Abbott LNP government	2011	2013

\* The Murray-Darling Basin (MDB) Ministerial Council comprises Ministers from the Queensland, New South Wales, Victorian, ACT, Victorian, South Australian and Australian governments.

\*\* “State governments in September quietly canned funding for the popular Native Fish Strategy, following a NSW government cut in its contribution to the Murray-Darling Basin Authority – the body overseeing the river – by \$20 million” (Arup 2012 b).

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