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## 2005 Comprehensive Review of ADB's Water Policy

Dear Ms Nelson

Further to a recent conversation with Mr. Wouter Lincklaen Arriens, WWF was invited to the civil society consultation process that is being conducted on 18<sup>th</sup> November as part of the review of the ADB Water Policy implementation. Unfortunately, due to limited capacity, we are unable to participate on this occasion in the consultation in Manila to ADB water policy paper.

However, given the importance of water in the Asia Pacific region and WWF's growing programme which aims to ensure sustainable management of these water resources, we would like to provide the attached document as our formal contribution to ADB's review process. The document is WWF's comments on the "Water for all: The Water Policy of the Asia Development Bank". Rather than commenting on implementation, the submission provides some examples from WWF's experiences in freshwater, conservation and management. Many of the excerpts are comments and lessons from WWF reports and policy documents, all of which are available on from our website (sources and links are footnoted). It is divided into two sections: firstly, a section on the freshwater context and secondly, a section on policy components that roughly corresponds with the framework within the Water Policy document. We hope that our advice and recommendations will strengthen the future development of ADB's water policy.

If you have any questions on the attached document, please contact Peter Ramshaw - Asian Living River Basin Coordinator [pramshaw@wwf.org.au](mailto:pramshaw@wwf.org.au) or Dermot O'Gorman - Deputy Director Asia Pacific - [dogorman@wwfint.org](mailto:dogorman@wwfint.org)

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