

RE: Senate Standing Committee on Rural Affairs and Transport

To whom it may concern,

I would like to wholeheartedly endorse the submission from Murrumbidgee Valley Food and Fibre Association's stand on the MDBP. Please find attached their submission regarding the MDBP.

The MVFFA submission succinctly outlines the concerns of our community. I would like to stress the importance for a review of the legislation governing agricultural water use, particularly the Water Act 2007, and associated State water sharing licenses.

I am disgusted at the management of our water within our Dams. The excess water should be diverted into alternative storage systems such as Eucumbene, which would in essence, reflect the core objectives of a more sustainable water management plan. In this way, storing water now while we are in a period of La Nina, would allow for a healthier environmental flow and availability for irrigators in times of need.

I look forward to hearing of the Senates findings regarding this investigation.

Regards,

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