

Submission re Murray Darling Basin Authority draft plan to massively  
cut irrigation volumes:

Section 100 of the Australian Constitution says:

"The Commonwealth shall not, by any law or regulation of trade or commerce abridge the rights of a state or of the residents therein to the reasonable use of the waters of rivers for conservation or irrigation."

Section 44 of the Australian Constitution says: "Any person who-

(i) is under any acknowledgment of allegiance, obedience, or adherence to a foreign power, or is subject or a citizen or entitled to the rights or privileges of a subject or a citizen of a foreign power;

shall be incapable of being chosen or of sitting as a senator or a member of the House of Representatives."

The Murray Darling Basin "Authority" has its origins in the unelected United Nations Agenda 21 signed by Senator Res. Kelly in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil in 1992.

This Agenda 21 was launched at a local government conference in Newcastle N.S.W. under the title "The Newcastle Declaration" - "Pathways to sustainability local Initiatives for cities & towns" held from 1-5 June 1997.

(No consultations with local residents & rate payers.)

Consequently an unelected United Nations body in breach of section 44 (i) of the Australian Constitution by Federal elected representatives has no such "authority" since no referenda have been conducted as required in Section 128 of the Australian Constitution.

The Murray Darling Basin "Authority" is therefore considered to be invalid.

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