

Submission to the Guide to the Murray Darling Basin Plan
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To whom it may concern.

We are second generation Irrigators in Coleambally.

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As I write this Burrinjuck and Blowing Dams are spilling and there is 55,000
mega litres a day going out to sea via the Murray Mouth and today we have received
00% allocation.

As farmers we have as much or more regard for the environment as anyone. I can't
for the life of me see what the Guide to the Plan is in its present form can do for us or
our regional communities and regional economies other than totally decimating them.
Perhaps that is the agenda, to remove regional Australia and move us all back to the
urban areas on our coastlines!

As we are seeing with the rain there is plenty for us and the environment, in the
drought as a General Security irrigator when it doesn't rain we don't get any water
and that's ok because there is not any and if there is no water how can the
environment expect to receive any?

Why can't we build more Storages and may be pipe water from Lake Argyle down
to the Darling River or perhaps look into other solutions like over the bank pumping
to supply water to wetlands rather than creating a high river to wet them up? We have
17) a storage dam/wetland that is currently home to around 50 Cormorants, 12
swans, Spoonbills and a stack of Ducks that are all breeding. My point here is that
these birds are not particular whether it is natural wetland or a man made one.

In conclusion I believe the Guide to the Draft MURRAY darling Basin Plan to be an
insult to me, my family my efficient food producing business, and all the regional
communities that this guide will affect. I would like to see the current guide totally
crapped. If it is redone to consider the social and economic impacts on Regional
Australia and Australians.

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