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**Martin Barry (circa 1858 Dubbo NSW)**

## **The Right Honorable Tony Windsor**

Dear Sir,

I write to you in regard to the Murray Darling water situation, I am not a man of great education or an authority on water or the environment, however as I have pondered this situation now for some months there is a situation that I think is an answer to the problem of the Murray and the families that depend on it.

My suggestion is a pipe line from the Ord River Scheme to the top of the Darling. Please read on as I feel I can persuade you to have a good look at this suggestion. And my reasoning is as follows:-

1. As I understand the Ord River Scheme only uses a third of the water that flows into the Ord River two thirds is washed out to sea.
  2. From the Ord River to the top of the Darling is about 2500klm as the crow flies, some years ago we (Australia) put a Gas pipe line from South Australia to Sydney well over 1400klm (I was a surveyor on this line)
  3. Years before this we put a tunnel through the Snowy Mountains and it made the Nation Great

4. In 1932 The Sydney Harbor Bridge was opened what a government of forward thinkers we had then, 49meters wide with the inclusion of 2 rail tracks, and it wasn't until 1992 that the Harbor Tunnel was opened, 60 years of forward thinking
5. With the continued water supply to the Darling we could alleviate a number of problems in the Murray Darling Region and they are:
  - ❖ No buy back of water
  - ❖ The Murray is continually flushed
  - ❖ The Flora & Fauna would thrive
  - ❖ Production of food could increase
  - ❖ Exports would rise
  - ❖ Sustainable families on the Murray, Darling, Lachlan & Murrumbidgee, not to mention the added tourism, water sports and house boat recreation
  - ❖ Consistent supply of water for Adelaide
6. If the Swiss are able to put a spiral railway tunnel in a mountain and operate it successfully then surely we can put a pipeline across 2500klm of land and operate it successfully
7. And the Billions of dollars that are saved in buy back, the loss of value on land etc could be best spent on the Ord / Darling venture

As I understand we have the mechanical ability, we have the design capability and as a nation we would have the ability to create an even greater Murray Darling Basin, Do we as Martin Barry extols above, have the ability to put aside personal ambitions and put the ambitions of a nation to the forefront?

Yours Sincerely

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