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- There needs to be a meeting in Cunnamulla to discuss the numbers attached to the plan in regard to the Warrego River.
- They are wrong and if the plan goes ahead and takes any water from the only 3 irrigators on the entire river system it will annihilate the town of Cunnamulla as well as the 3 farms with irrigation licenses.
- These irrigators take less than 8% of the flow.
- Irrigation licenses are regulated by environmental controls that allow the first part of the river to flow through for environmental purposes and only allowing any pumping to occur from the top end of the water.

- The farms are using the best and most efficient methods of irrigation ---lateral, pivot and drip
- The farming area is about 75% **ORGANIC**
- Irrigation farms provide fodder for stock during drought as well as cash crops.
- They employ over 200 people per year.
- Rob Freeman has agreed that there is very little of the Warrego water that reaches and flows into the Darling. Most (about 90%) evaporates on the floodplain below Cunnamulla or flows into the Paroo.
- The river is the most under allocated in the basin apart from the Paroo which has no allocation.

THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION, FAIRNESS, OR VALID REASON TO ALTER CURRENT DIVERSION LIMITS ON THE WARREGO,

IT IS CLEAN HEALTHY AND TOTALLY UNDER ALLOCATED

. IT HAS NO IMPACT ON THE DARLING.