

As a concerned citizen of a country town on the Murrumbidgee River, I am worried about our future, many businesses and farmers will have to leave the land and Australia will not be growing their own food because of the lack of water. The land/country is available for **viable futures** for our children and children's children but if large quantities of water is taken away *that is gone* and no way can we survive. Already shops are closing and towns are suffering with the reduction of water ---- *it is a waste*.

*Does Australia wish to import everything when we have a country and land that can produce the best possible produce.*

Yes the committee and everyone involved needs to consider all aspects for the future of Australia. We also need to harvest water when it is available instead of losing it to the sea which is happening. The committee forming this plan should go back and consider Australia's future, there is lots to consider – they should consider the impact on the communities in question.

It is realised that lots of monies have been spent on this project, but again it is wasted because the future of our families are in jeopardy with the existing project.

We need to use our resources and our governments resources to **consider the impact on people and communities all around Australia and those towns who rely on the resources of the farmers and their respective families and the communities who benefit from their produce.**

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