

To: Those responsible for the Riverina Region's future.

I wish to register my concern regarding the threat of reduction of available water for the sustaining of human life here in modern Australia and recognition needs to be made of the following:

- Any business minded person would understand that reduction of water supply availability as proposed in the plan will in fact kill the Industry as the overheads relating to this industry will remain the same, but revenue will be cut.
- The water available for irrigation is the water that is fed into the river through man-made initiatives (Snowy Hydro System), not extra demands on what nature has provided.
- The natural river system had periods of drought and flood even before man's introduction of the irrigation initiative, so to preserve "environmental flows" (which in itself is un-natural for the river system) in preference to sustaining a food source is just ludicrous.
- The Water Act is flawed and biased and cannot provide a triple benefit for Australia.

I hereby request urgently that the Water Act be reviewed and the needs of the Primary Industry be addressed first. Can't the persons seeking to run this country see that Australia depends on this valuable resource? To push ahead with the Act as it is simply politically based and extremely short sighted.

Yours Sincerely,

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