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Dear Sir,

I wish to make a submission to the 'authority' in relation to the MDBA water issues. I have the following questions/comments that I would like to air. I was at the Bourke meeting but I had to leave early and did not hear the last 1/2 hr.

- 1) How do you know that the 67% cap has not worked.
- 2) Why have 4 other states imposed a similar cap on their water uses
- 3) Political favouritism stuffed the water allocation process and it looks like political favouritism will stuff the solution as it appears that politics is seen as the only fix.
- 4) When will our basic riparian rights be returned to us
- 5) When will government put infrastructure on the unregulated rivers on a higher priority list
- 6) I found that the Bourke meeting did not include the rest of the people that live and work on the Darling
- 7) There have been 12 extended drought events of 4 yrs or more in this area since 1858. This research was done by my father who obtained the information out of newspapers held in the Bourke library and the National library.
- 8) It is a must that the Water Act and the water licensing process be simplified so it makes political intervention non-existent and practical measures supported by good accurate science dominant
- 9) The creation of a riverine institute in Bourke immediately to study and measure the Darling both upstream of Bourke and downstream of Bourke.

Regards

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