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Dear Sir,

The implementation of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan would have dire consequences for our district & would lead to hardship to all our townspeople as well as farmers. In fact our towns may disappear altogether. Services have already been taken away & the population reduced.

1. Sending water down to the lakes near the Southern Ocean will not help the wild life or the gum trees. What^{is} needed is clean unpolluted water free from toxic waste which does not become subject to blue-green algae & other pollutants. When I came here in 1956 the river was pristine and the water could be drunk untreated. Over the years waste has crept in & now it is murky & green. All this should be addressed before buying of farmers water rights. Farmers keep their water on their farms. It is too valuable a resource to put back into the river.

2. Much water could be saved by improving ^{the} infrastructure of channels, pipes etc. If there are fewer farmers to use to water ^{the} improvements will not be economic & those farmers left will be charged too much.

3. Many people have left for economic reasons already & farmers are getting fewer each year & so are their supporting industries. Please do not cause a major exodus. Without farmers the land will be a greater bushfire risk, feral animals will increase and weeds will take over.

Yours faithfully,

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Resident of Finley for 54 years.