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Please find this "submission / comment" for consideration.

As the speaker this morning have indicated it is the uncertainty that is causing most of the stress to farmers & communities.

We need answers sooner than later.

Channels need lining to stop the damage from Carl & Yallicus thus saving more water.

Our farmers have worked hard to reduce their water usage & have not been given any credit.

Please continue the good work of this inquiry & look again at the act by the MBDFA both need revamping. Water buy backs are not the answer.

It was said by a Professor a couple of days ago that dams are not the answer to the water problems because there is too much evaporation.

I put it to you, without more dams to collect the water when it rains we will not have sufficient water for people to drink, bath etc.

Evaporation is a good thing! Without evaporation there is no rain!

We need more storage for future generations & we need to sup our irrigation areas productive.

With the widespread floods in Queensland, Northern NSW, Victoria & Tasmania, it has shown how it has impacted on the food chain. If our area was assured of the water supply for irrigation we would be able to produce the vegetables that are needed.