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cc to Hon Tony Burke MP

Hon Susan Ley MP

Senator Barnaby Joyce

John Williams MP - member for Murray-Darling

Sen the Hon Joe Ludwig.

Re: Guide to MDB Plan.

As a retired farmer and now a resident of Finley, I am making a strong statement in regards to the very flawed MDB plan.

- This plan will affect my community.
- I am a strong environmentalist (not a greenie) and very committed to the environment.
- Farmers & residents are also committed.
- We are the environment.
- The MDB plan is a blatant disregard for the regional communities.
- Remove the locks and barrages and let the rivers (Murray) flow as it used to before these locks & barrages were put in place. Let the sea in.
- Leave the wetlands alone. As proved since the rains, the wetlands come back. Nature is the best designer here.
- If you let a lot of water through the choke you will flood farms - also the

The Murray River & others are now full,
and looking healthy.

Even the billabongs are full.

- Either change the 2007 Act or get rid of it.
Mr Taylor said at the Deniliquin meeting.
"This is not our decision."
You are liable to make this decision.
- NO MORE Buy Backs.
When farmers sell their farms, this
reduces the value. The banks take over.
(The reason others have sold their water is their
backs were to the wall (with the drought))
- Healthy rivers make healthy communities
and a supply of Healthy Food - Grown in
Australian standards, not in effluent.

yours faithfully