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To Committee Secretary – Standing Committee on Regional Australia,

*I have been led to believe that the submission for the Murray Darling Basin has been extended until the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2010.*

*The effects on our Lake Cargelligo district when the Lachlan River was once again interfered with caused our natural Lake to completely dry up. Aspects of this caused disastrous results in our community.*

*Economically – the town suffered greatly, as the tourism we depend on became non existent.*

*Culturally – we have a large indigenous community in Lake Cargelligo. The drying up of this natural Lake was very detrimental to their way of life as well as all other citizens.*

*Environmentally – the bird life of our waters has always been prolific and we have always had an influx of passionate bird watchers. The birdlife's natural habitat was taken away from them at that time. However, they are now back in droves. I think we have been declared a natural wetlands and many species can now be regenerated again.*

*To improve the health of the river system, I would dare to suggest that the Lachlan River be allowed to run through the natural Lake and back around into the river as nature intended, and as it did those many years ago until John Oxley discovered it.*

*Yours sincerely*

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