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We are not in favour to the suggested cuts in irrigation allocations in the kiewa & Ovens river systems.

Every river & stream should be reviewed separately. The Kiewa River irrigation system is unique, very low evaporation & seepage because of no channels & water used close to its source.

The North east Catchment management Authority covers an area that is 2% of the land mass of the basin ,yet supplies 38% of the average annual flows of the basin.

Such large cuts to irrigation will have a huge effect on the local economy & to food production . Isn't milk a critical human need?

This plan appears to be nothing more than a knee jerk reaction to the fact that we have just come through 15 years of adverse climate, Quote deceased eminent scientist of the Wentworth group Professor Peter Cullen "Australian rivers flood & Australian rivers will at times run dry".

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