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Dear Murray Darling basin Authority,

I am writing to you about the proposed Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

Firstly taking away our irrigation water will devastate the farmers and families. Farmers need the irrigation water to grow their crops.

Secondly, when the water is taken away the business, schools, jobs and the community will have fewer people. The schools will lose children from the implementation of the plan.

Thirdly farmers will have to rely only on rain water if we don't have irrigation water. Some years there will not be any rain water. Then farmers will not have any water for their crops.

Lastly the town of Coleambally will have to be shut down. Most people will have to move to bigger cities

I believe that the government should not take any of our irrigation water of our farms.

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Jack Hayes 2/11/2010

*Dear Murray-Darling Basin Authority,*

**We strongly disagree that the Basin Plan should go ahead.**

**These are my reasons why.**

Firstly, where do Australians get their food? Farmers of course. If Australians can't get food from farmers, the prices of food will go up. When everyone is spending too much money on lollies, icecreams etc. they won't have the money to buy things they really need like fruit and veg.

Secondly it's not fair for us. If you take our water all Australians not just farmers won't get their average amount of food. If you let us keep our food everyone will be happy. You already have enough water.

Thirdly our drought will get worse. We have already had a really bad drought and now things are starting to look better. If you now decide to take our water then farmers are going to stay in hard times for longer. You probably don't know what it's like, do you?

Lastly we cannot grow our beautiful crops without water. We need water for every sort of crop we grow. At the moment all the farmers in and around Coleambally are going really well and growing lots of rice.

Thank you for listening to the things I had to say, so please think about it.

*Yours Sincerely*

*Danielle Mannes*

*3/4 age 9*

*St Peters Coleambally!*

Dear Murray-Darling Basin Authority,

I am writing to you about the proposed Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

Firstly, if you take away our water, you will be affected. Not just the farmers who grow your food. It will affect everyone because you agreed with others, before looking and thinking about everyone that this plan will affect.

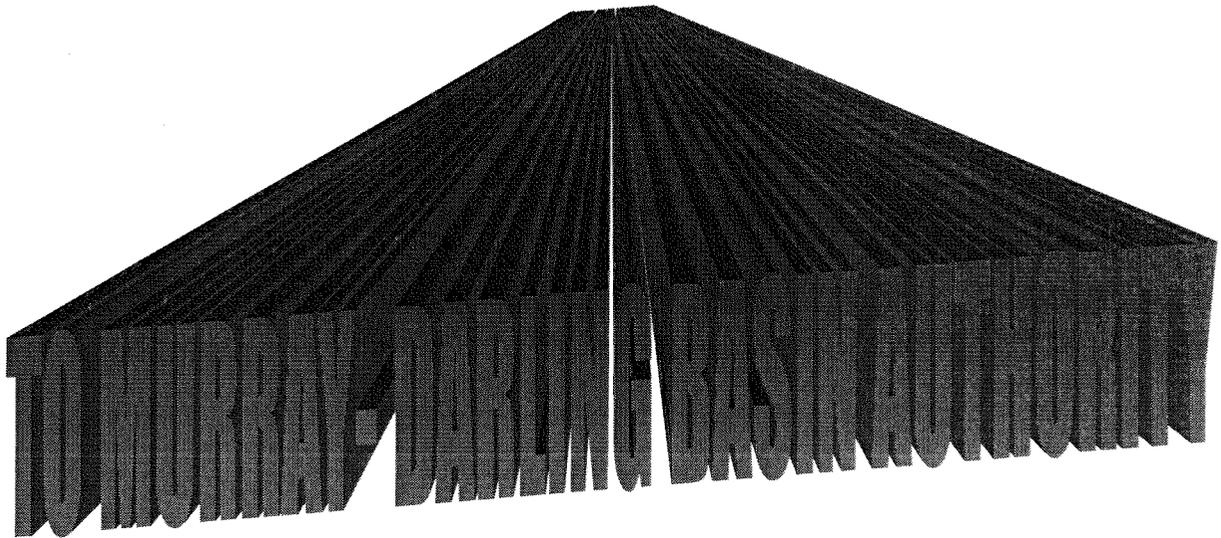
Secondly we are devastated about your decisions for the plan, because it is making the hard times for farmers even harder. We are disagreeing with you because you are caring more about the environment than us.

Thirdly, our town Coleambally will almost become a desert. This will happen because we will have hardly any water and will not be able to grow the crops necessary to feed everyone.

Please stop the Basin Plan and stop it soon.

Yours Sincerely,

Grace Lyell            2.11.10



Dear Murray Darling Basin Authority. I am writing to you about the opposed Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

Firstly: We need our water to grow crops, rice and wheat. If you take our water you might not have enough food. If you take our water we won't have enough Live stock for meat .

Secondly: Taking our irrigation water will devastate our local area. We won't have enough water and could lead to a drought.

Thirdly: The farmers need water to grow crops.  
The crops need to have a drink as well

**YOURS SINCERELY, JACK CULLEN**

# **Basin Plan**

**I am writing to you about the proposed Murray-Darling Basin Plan.**

**Firstly, I think that you shouldn't take our water because we need it to grow food like wheat, rice, etc. It will have a massive affect on us and everyone else in Australia.**

**Secondly, you should not take the water away because without it we won't have towns like Coleambally and all the other places that rely on water. We would have nothing and could die.**

**Thirdly, they should build more dams and keep the rivers full with water. Who will look after Australia and feed Australia, if we are given no water to grow these things.**

**We need our water! We want to keep it.**

**Yours sincerely**

**Thomas Fattore**

**10:33 AM**

**2-Nov-10**

***Dear Murray Darling Basin Authority.***

***I oppose the Murray Darling Basin***

***Plan because it will have a massive effect on our Community.***

***Firstly taking away our irrigation water will devastate the farmers and their families. The farmer's need the water for their crops and if they don't have water they will die and animals will starve.***

***Secondly I recommend that you don't take our water because people in the cities and farmers will starve.***

***Thirdly people like farmers will go broke with no water.***

***Lastly I believe you should not take away our water because of the drought. If you take our water, farmers will have no water to irrigate our crops.***

***So please don't take our water.***

***You're sincerely***

***Jake foster***

*Dear Murray-Darling Basin Plan Authority,*

*I am writing to you about the proposed Murray-Darling Basin Plan we strongly disagree that this Plan should go ahead.*

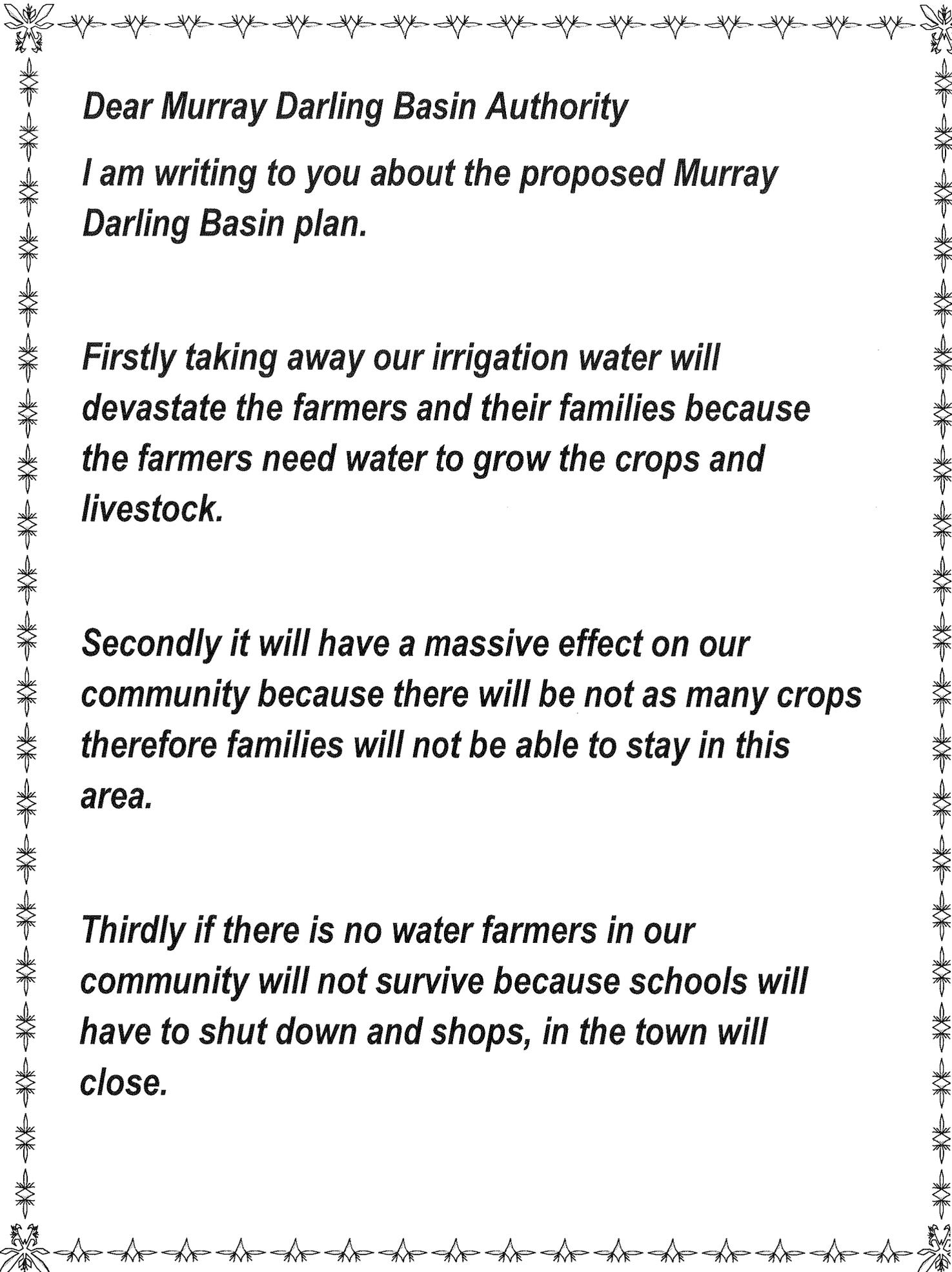
*Firstly; taking away our irrigation water will devastate the farmers and their families, because the farmers need water to water their crops. Without the water for the farmers to water their crops we won't have as much food and the prices will go up and some people will go broke and our town will become poor.*

*Secondly; there will be fewer people left in school, business and communities.*

*Who is going to feed Australia?*

*I believe that the Murry Darling Basin Plan must be reconsidered and changed because the farmers and their families will have to start again and most of the farmers will have to move out of places like Coleambally and start again. Places like Coleambally will become ghost towns.*

*Yours sincerely Paige Cooper*



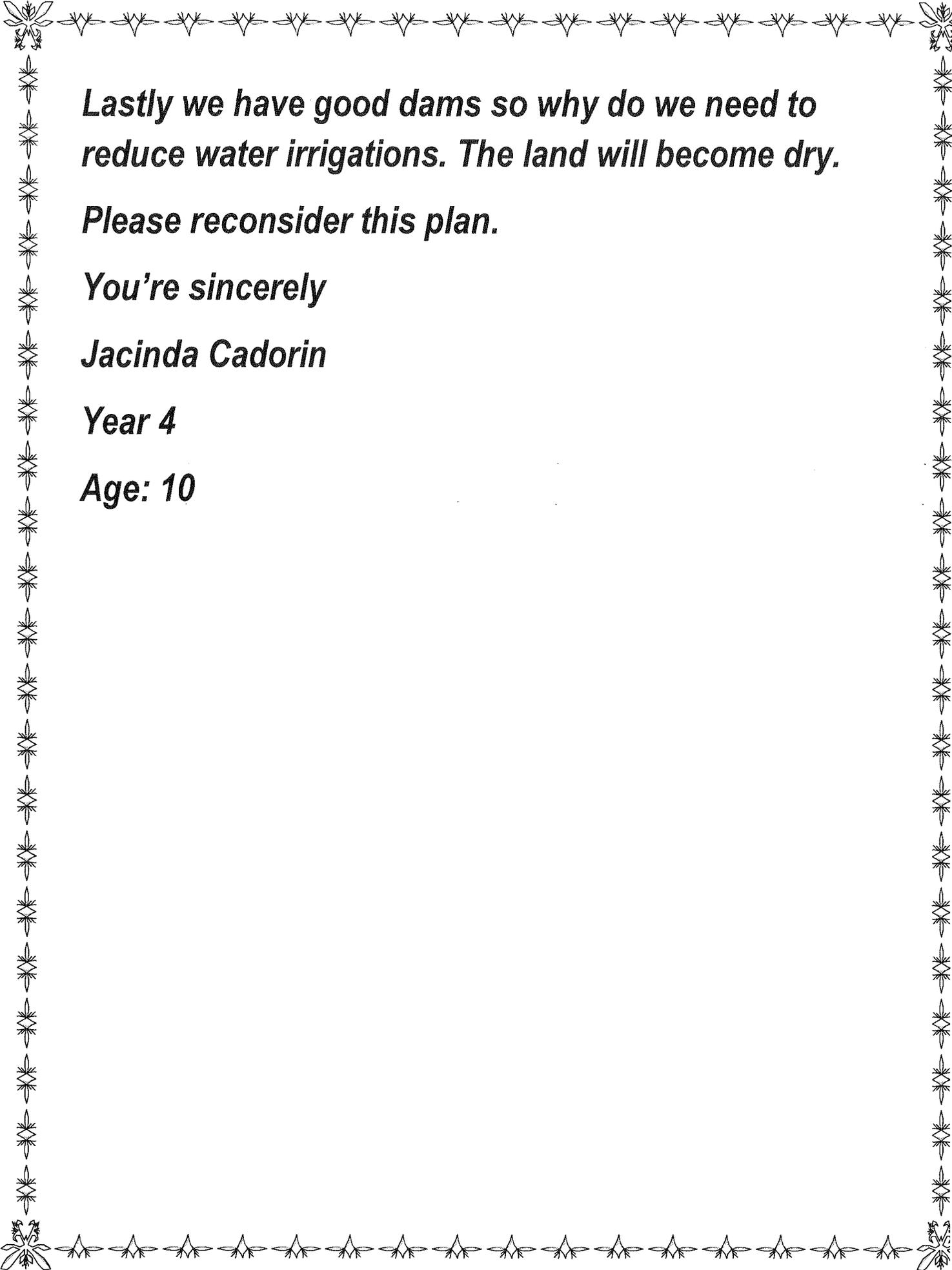
***Dear Murray Darling Basin Authority***

***I am writing to you about the proposed Murray Darling Basin plan.***

***Firstly taking away our irrigation water will devastate the farmers and their families because the farmers need water to grow the crops and livestock.***

***Secondly it will have a massive effect on our community because there will be not as many crops therefore families will not be able to stay in this area.***

***Thirdly if there is no water farmers in our community will not survive because schools will have to shut down and shops, in the town will close.***



***Lastly we have good dams so why do we need to reduce water irrigations. The land will become dry.***

***Please reconsider this plan.***

***You're sincerely***

***Jacinda Cadorin***

***Year 4***

***Age: 10***

Dear Murray - Darling Basin Authority.

I am writing to you about the Murray - Darling Basin plan.

Firstly it will have a massive affect on our community. Our community will be affected by losing our irrigation water.

Secondly farmers cannot grow all the crops that they usually grow if you take away our water. Farmers cannot look after their families due to not enough water. Therefore the farmers will not have enough money.

Thirdly schools, businesses, jobs and all the communities will be affected. Businesses and jobs will be lost if this goes ahead. Schools will lose students and communities will also lose population.

Lastly prices will rise because of not much food. Cities will lose their food supplies and prices will also rise for them too. Food will have to be imported from overseas.

Coleambally and surrounding areas will become ghost towns.

**SO PLEASE DON` T TAKE AWAY OUR  
WATER!!!**

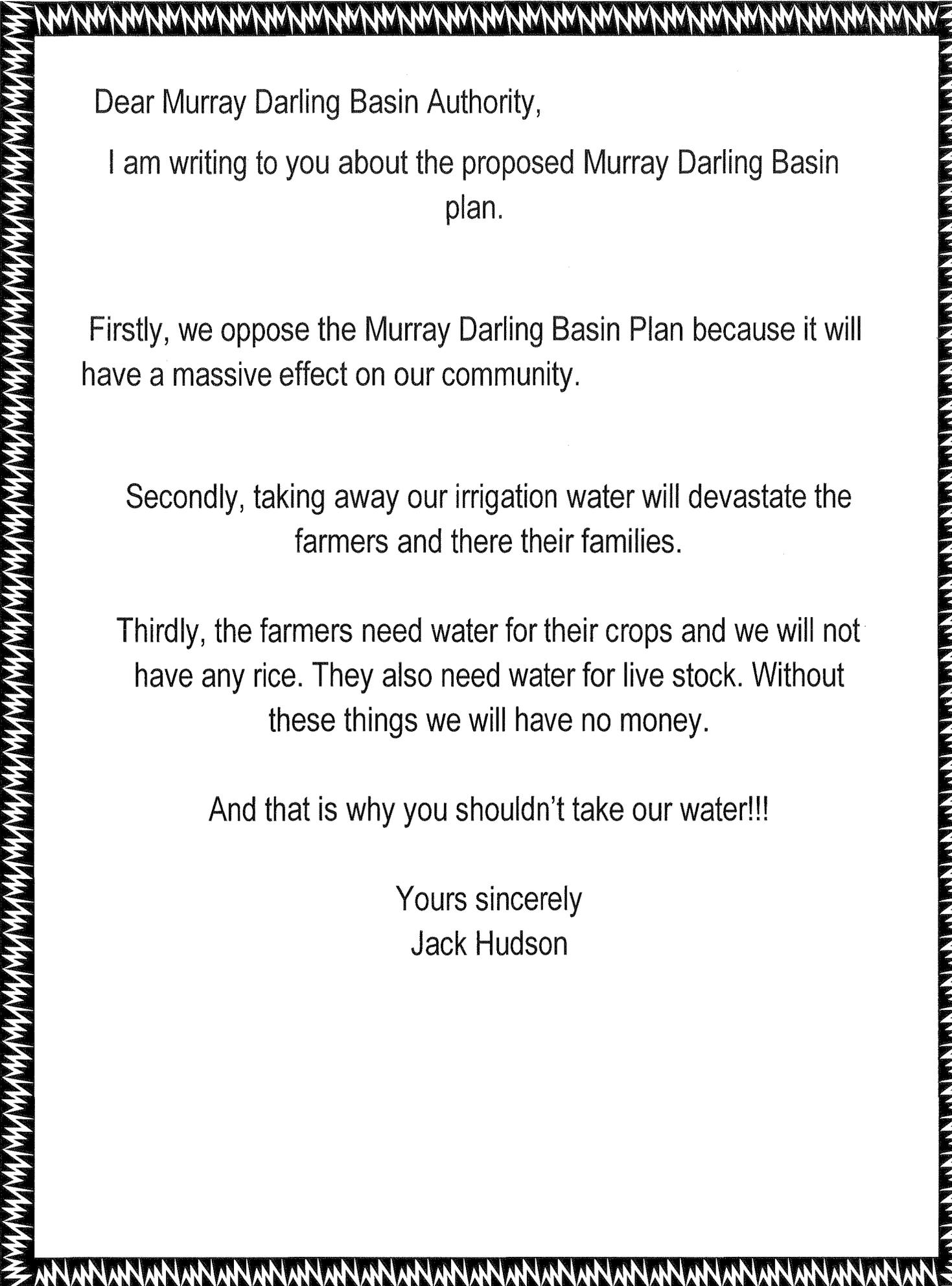
Your sincerely

Natalia Burgess

Age 8

Macleay rd Coleambally

St Peter`s Primary School Coleambally.



Dear Murray Darling Basin Authority,

I am writing to you about the proposed Murray Darling Basin plan.

Firstly, we oppose the Murray Darling Basin Plan because it will have a massive effect on our community.

Secondly, taking away our irrigation water will devastate the farmers and there their families.

Thirdly, the farmers need water for their crops and we will not have any rice. They also need water for live stock. Without these things we will have no money.

And that is why you shouldn't take our water!!!

Yours sincerely  
Jack Hudson

# *Basin Plan*

Dear MDBA,

I'm writing to you about the proposed Murray-Darling Basin Plan. Firstly: I oppose to the plan because it will have a massive affect on our community.

Secondly if you take away our precious irrigation water it will devastate the farming families; don't take the water because the farmers need water to grow their crops feed livestock and feed the towns. Without the livestock and crops there will be a lack of food. Are you thinking of the farmers?

Thirdly if there is no food formulating from farming areas there will be no jobs, businesses or schools running! There will be basically no town. Fewer children at school and jobs and businesses will suffer terribly.

Take the little town of Coleambally for example. Its rice mill shut down three years ago because of the lack of water because of this plan. If this plan goes ahead more businesses will shut down.

Lastly we'll have to relocate because of the lack of water. Who'll feed Australia?

I believe that the plan not go ahead because little towns will die. So, please don't take our water. Just release it from the dams.

Yours sincerely

Sam Breed

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2010

9:37 AM

Dear Murray-Darling Basin Authority,

I'm writing this letter because I strongly believe by taking our water away it will make communities collapse and devastate our farmers.

Firstly, by taking away our irrigation water it will have massive affect on farmers and their families. The farmers won't be able to grow crops and will have to leave. The plan will be about losing the future for the area because the population will decline. If the farmers leave and can't grow crops, who will feed Australia?

Secondly, the Plan has a great affect on communities. Everything will shut down and the prices on food will inflate. If you are not a part of the community you cannot make a recommendation for that community. I invite you come and live in the communities that this plan will affect so you can understand what you are doing. I am irritated by the fact that people from outside the region are making decisions about this region.

Lastly, we have good dams so why do we need to reduce water access from them, we should be increasing the number of Australia's dams? Why can't we open the gates of the dams, all the dams are full? All the water we need is in the dams. We need our water, it is precious to us.

Please reconsider this plan. If we don't have water, farmers won't be able to grow crops, livestock numbers will decrease, communities will shut down and it will devastate families. Many food prices will inflate greatly. Our farmers will have to leave and no one will be able to feed Australia. Please understand that this plan will affect you to!

Thankyou

Yours Sincerely Angela Rainbird (Yr 4)

Tuesday, November 02, 2010

**Dear Murray Darling Basin Authority,  
Hi my name is Georgia and my family and  
I are going to be in crisis if this plan goes  
ahead. So please listen.**

**Firstly, if you take even half of our water  
we won't be able to grow rice it takes that  
much water. That's why this plan cannot  
go on.**

**Secondly, if we don't have water for our  
life stock to drink and no water for the  
grass to grow so the cows to eat there will  
be no meat for people to eat.**

**Third, the price will rise because there will have to process the food and that will take some money.**

**Lastly, the swamps will have no water and there will be no wildlife because they will have no home.**

**So please think about what I have said. And thank you for your time. I hope this information helps to stop this plan.**

**Yours Sincerely**

*Georgia Hogan* ☺

12/11/10

Dear Murray Darling Basin Authority,

I am disagreeing with the proposed Murray Darling Basin. Did you see the turnout of people at the conference saying *no*?

Consider people like farmers who feed us. How will they feed us without money and irrigation water? Do you want us to put prices through the roof just to survive in rural towns? Many citizens in towns or cities don't want things like prices to affect them so greatly. If it goes ahead through government and representatives we will all be angry at your ignorance. Who will give meat to the butchers or milk to the supermarket? ***Not the farmers if the plan goes ahead.***

Businesses providing jobs in small communities will not be able to employ and everyone will shut shop without customers. If these businesses take their children school numbers will decrease and teachers may leave the small towns they may have been in for many years.

Tourists help towns by buying produce, food and water. If towns don't survive tourists will go straight past seeing nothing but rusted cars, metal and crumbling buildings that are ageing. If this happens cities will expand and you will have to cut trees in our environment to house everyone.

If some residents choose to stay, emergency services may take a long time getting to an emergency. This will be critical for emergency medical services especially.

You will destroy friendships if this plan is started  
and completed.

***Stop. Think.***

Yours sincerely,

Tom Breed

Saint Peter's Primary School Coleambally