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Mr Tony Windsor M.H.R.

Murray-Darling Catchment Investigation

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Dear Mr Windsor, I hope that this submission gets some attention as it could be the basis of a major change for this country. For some, you will be aware of the Bradfield Plan of turning the coastal rivers, including some in your electorate, firstly into dams on the eastern side of the Dividing Range, and then by tunnels into the inland waterways. The Snowy River Project was just one part of this scheme, and notably a very successful part.

In the Brisbane Floods, not much is being made of the fact that the Nivenhoe Dam was not in place for the 1974 flood, so it is certain that the current flooding would have been worse, had this dam not been in place.

What I suggest is that parts of the Bradfield Plan be started in Northern N.S.W., ostensibly as flood mitigation measures, which just happens to solve the problem of not enough water in the Murray-Darling for both environmental and irrigation needs.

I write this as a scientist, and as a former member of the 'Greens', who left them because of their somewhat narrow and vindictive approach to issues. In particular, I feel that they have used the

faulty logic for damming Lake Pedder to stop
all building of dams. Yet carried to its
logical conclusion, this approach would mean
'pulling the plug' on all dams.

I regret that I cannot come to
Adelaide to deliver this note personally, but
I trust that it will still get attention it
warrants.

Sincerely

(Dr Bruce Taylor)