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27th October, 2010

Mr. Tony Windsor MP
Member for New England
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Dear Mr. Windsor,

At Namoi Groups Annual General Meeting held Monday, 25th October, 2010 it was passed that we write to you with our concerns re the Murray Darling Basin Authority's document.

We ask that the Federal Government will guarantee that regional and rural communities with water sharing plans currently in place will retain sustainable water allocations for economic survival and that the Government considers economic, social and environmental outcomes equally to ensure the protection of world food supplies provided by the Nation.

We are deeply concerned should the recommendations within the Murray Darling Basin Authority's document were to proceed, the food prices would increase, the social impacts on small communities depending on irrigation would be devastating, the possible inflow of more imported food.

There is a desperate need to improve and invest in more water schemes rather than take them away from farmers who produce food for home and world markets.

There needs to be a balance between the environmental issues and food production.

We trust that you will do all you can to protect this.

Yours faithfully

Rhonda McPherson
Namoi Group Secretary

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