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**SUBMISSION TO THE REGIONAL AUSTRALIA COMMITTEE ON
RECOVERING AN ADDITIONAL 450GLS OF WATER FOR THE MURRAY-DARLING
BASIN**

I understand that this will mean flooding of low lying areas and given the nature of the topography, water can be expected to lie dormant for months. Even now, 8 months after the rain event of March there are large areas still under water between Darlington Point and Hay, Sandigo and Wagga and West Wyalong and Forbes. There is still no Environmental Watering Plan so no-one yet knows how the proponents of the Plan expect to get the environmental water to the sites they say need it.

Another concern I have is that, as Dorothea Mackellar famously wrote, in 'My Country' Australia is a land of droughts and flooding rains and as the ecology is based on and accustomed to that ephemeral state, might not the additional 450 GLs of water interfere with that?

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