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Submission No 122 SL

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THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PARLIAMENT HOUSE,

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re M.D.B.A. -

Why turn the Oasis that is the  
M.D.B.A. back to a desert?

Australia is a "land  
of droughts + flooding, rains" +  
after 10 yrs drought + 4 years expect  
trees to die.

If you want to  
keep a higher river near the  
wet lands put in weirs just  
below them (cheaper than buy-back)

Environmental flows  
will rise which affects the  
Aborigines diet. The Jacar

(7).

pour into the waterholes  
smothering them.

Aborigines won't  
suffer while Irrigators  
receive water.

What you propose is  
just as criminal as someone  
with a gun picking off the  
farmers.

Consider Lake Eyre -  
usually a salt pan which  
comes to life when water is  
there. The bird lands are the  
same - when it's dry the  
man made Llerland Barometer  
Swamp turns wet life - the  
wild life knows how to look  
after its self.

P.L.E.A.S.E. do a rethink.

Yours faithfully  
B. M. Steward.

25 The reeds are now flowering - rain has  
come.

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- THE BASIN PLAN IS NOT BALANCED  
THE BASIN PLAN BEING DEVELOPED  
BY THE M.D.B.A. SEEMS TO  
PROVIDE WATER FOR THE  
ENVIRONMENT FIRST & FOREMOST.

THE BASIN PLAN LARGELY  
IGNORES THE NEEDS OF MILLIONS  
OF PEOPLE AND MANY COMMUNITIES  
ACROSS THE BASIN - THIS IS NOT A  
'FAIR CO' TO ANYONE.

- THE FAMILY FARM  
THE BASIN PLAN WILL FORCE  
GENERATIONS OF FAMILIES OFF  
THEIR FARMS - THIS IS NOT A  
'FAIR CO' FOR THEM.

- LOCAL PEOPLE, LOCAL BUSINESSES  
THE BASIN PLAN MEANS LESS  
WATER FOR EVERYONE, THIS  
MEANS COMMUNITIES WILL SUE  
SHOPS & BUSINESSES CLOSE DOWN

(2)

AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES LEAVE.

THE BASIN PLAN WILL AFFECT

EVERYONE FROM THE CORNER

STORE TO THE TOWN DOCTOR - THIS

IS NOT A 'FAIR GO' FOR THEM

#### • FOOD PRICES.

LESS WATER MEANS LESS FOOD.

LESS FOOD MEANS MORE IMPORTS

AND HIGHER FOOD PRICES FOR

EVERYONE ON SUPERMARKET

SHELVES - THIS IS NOT A 'FAIR GO'

FOR YOU OR ANY AUSTRALIAN.

WE NEED TO REWRITE THE BASIN

PLAN SO THERE IS A BALANCE

BETWEEN THE NEEDS OF THE

ENVIRONMENT, THE ECONOMY + COMMUNITIES

- ONLY THEN WILL WE ACHIEVE A

'FAIR GO' FOR EVERYONE.