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Mr Tony Windsor MP

Dear Mr Windsor

I am writing to inform you of my objection to the Murray Darling Basin Plan in its present form.

I am one of the tens of thousands of people who were overlooked as stakeholders in this plan. Hardworking families who have invested their life savings in rural towns across the basin.

My partner Bill and I never once thought when we were building fences, shovelling truckloads of dirt spending tens of thousands of dollars on our property we were doing this for the nation. Nor did the nation come and help. Nor did the nation inform us before we spent all this money on our property the government of the day would make a decision that would see us lose one third to a half of the equity in our home.

Mining royalties are such an easy fix for a government but to what cost?

I fear that one day my children will not be able to buy good clean well regulated food grown in Australia, as it will all be imported. Also that we welcome any overseas investment with open arms whilst we step on our own people. We've forgotten to lend a mate a helping hand. This is what makes us Australian not kicking them in the guts after going through a severe drought.

Our home is our superannuation we had dreams of downsizing and travelling when Bill retires. I feel like my dreams are being shattered.

If our communities lose water the loss will be across the board and I doubt if many of us will be able to sell our properties.

I hope you consider my letter and I hope it gets read not just thrown in with the pile.

Yours Sincerely
Kerry Hawker
William Royle.

"Australia a land of draughts and flooding rains."

P.S This is my submission.