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I am a 27 year old male resident of Griffith, NSW managing a poultry farm in the region. I am not sure how to get my ideas to you so hopefully this email will find you.

Firstly the rollout of the MDBP was appalling but you already know that and i think it is pretty clear to everyone that it was rolled out incorrectly so enough on that.

We all want a good river system and I don,t think there is one person in this country that denies that. I live a stone throw away from the murrumbidgee and I have been clearly stating that we do need a change to the way we do things as you can see the effect the drought has had on the river.

The problem with the MDBP is they have come to the last outcome that should ever be considered First. To be told that some ponsy politician in there emerald castle is just going to take our water(at least thats what all the farmers heard) really hurt. I was at the meeting in Griffith the other day and I have been following this in the news quite carefully and I have a few Ideas.

- 1) Tax everyone (Water wastage Tax) we don,t mind giving up SOME water but only if we are not being individualized. This is a national problem and all should contribute to rectify it for the future
- 2) use that money to build the dams, build the pipelines, help farmers and irrigators to install new more efficient water systems (as long as this is independent so we know all the money is being spent on rectifying water issues)
- 3)Speak in our language, we don't all have uni degrees and can understand the complex issues that arise from a plan like this. We get angry cause we don't understand
- 4) once all this is done then we as farmers will be more likely to accept a water cut. Not the 30-40% thats being thrown around but a more reasonable cut that has had all the other avenues incorporated in it
- 5)if we do have to cut water people in the country are going to expect the cities to be more water wise(the same day the draught was released Adelaide came off level 3 water restrictions)

To wrap it up I think most of the anger came from a belief that farmers were the sole cause of the poor river system and that we have to pay to fix it..... If the whole of australia was blamed and held accountable then there would be a more even playing field

I would be happy to discuss this further if you would like and would even consider being part of your committee if you see fit to have a common person who thinks like the people on your side. I am full of ideas

Regards
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