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Dear Tony,  
Re: "Guide to the Draft Murray Dal. Basin Plan"  
I was one of a packed house of concerned citizens of irrigation farmers, businesses, local families, etc who met at Finley R.S. Club on 10-11-10.

Our family (parents & 5 sons) 14yrs to 23yrs - moved to Finley 16yrs ago, from NTH. N. S. W. (1500Kms) & purchased irrigation country to grow lucerne hay, fatten sheep & cattle & grow crops. The leased land with water entitlement was expensive, whilst land unirrigated was reasonable. The bank held mortgage over our Murray Irrigation Ltd water entitlements, thus showing the value was in the water. We pay big money to the Govt. & M. I. L. each quarter, even in the drought when we didn't receive water, to keep our entitlements.

We need our water! - we paid for it in our purchase - our farmers are in big debt due to the drought, NO water on our land.

The Riverina is a huge food bowl & has potential to feed so many. Within 50Kms radius we produce grain from wheat, canola & oats, hay, produce, orchards, fat cattle, sheep, pigs, dairy production, rice, feedlots, wool etc.

I thought we lived in a democratic country where you owned what you legally purchased. I wonder will it be easy for the city dwellers too? - the risk of losing 20% or more of their assets or water to their home!

Our 5 sons - married with mostly 4 children each - all farmers - they too live within 30 Kms. of Finley, & want a future here for their children.

Please listen to us!

Yours Sincerely,  
Iris Everingham

(MRS) IRIS EVERINGHAM  
LIVING WATERS PAST. CO.



**Hosted by Murray Group of Concerned Communities**

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**Agenda for a public meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2010  
at Finley R S Club at commencing at 7.30 pm**

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**Welcome by MC, Cr John Bruce**

- Introduction
- Outline of purpose of the meeting

**Welcome by Cr Terry Hogan**

**Welcome by Cr Norm Brennan**

**Bruce Simpson – Chairman Murray Group of Concerned Communities**

- Role of the Group
- Outline of anticipated effects of MDBP upon the community
- Outline of what the Group is looking for in relation to the MDBP

**Anthony Couroupis - CEO Murray Irrigation Ltd**

- Outline of how cuts proposed in MDBP actually relate to water entitlements.
- Outline effect upon MIL and community

**Chris Kelly – KM & WM Kelly & Sons Pty Ltd & John Lane – Dawmac Pty Ltd**

**Sussan Ley Member for Farrer**

**Questions**

**Summary and outline of community campaign. – John Bruce**

- What we need the community to do in relation to the MDBP.
- Personal issues based on facts
- Micro levels impacts.