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Dear Mr Windsor

I would like to suggest a number of ways that the Murray-Darling basin plan could be altered

- One is to look at a staged water allocation reduction to capped limit. I would like to suggest
 the model the Hawke-Keating government used for the superannuation guarantee which
 was incremented annually from 5% to a capped limit of 9%. Perhaps, allocations could be
 bought back at 1% per year for most farming so that the farmers can make their own
 structural adjustments and then be capped at an agreed level such as 15 to 25% since the
 river system is at 60% capacity in storage facilities.
- As well, some types of farming are highly water intensive, but produce no food i.e. cotton, could have a 2% reduction per year with their allocation cut by more than double that of food-producing crops.

I hope that you might consider these as workable solutions.

Kind regards

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