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Because of the alleged theft of water by irrigators , I would like to make the following submissions. (1) Metering should be done by meters that meet very high standards and should be tamper proof. (2) Pump tail pipes that enter the river should be placed at least one meter above the natural river bed , to prevent illegal pumping when there is an embargo on taking water, and river levels are in a low flow state . (3) Meters should be read at least monthly by either manual means or telemetry means via satellite or via the mobile network. (4) All advance pumping of future pumping needs should be banned and water should only be placed on farm for present needs. The current law that allows irrigators to pump water for up to 3 years future needs is ridiculous an open to abuse,. (4) Cubby station in Queensland has completely cut off the natural flow of the Culgoa river and allows no water to enter NSW via the Culgoa, Narran, and other small rivers till its holding dams are full. The Changing of water courses or Damming of the natural flows without regulators should be punishable by law in NSW. Cubbies dams are not regulated and completely stop the flow of the Culgoa and Lower Balone river on its property. (5) The interruption of the natural flow of flood plain water by way of levee banks should be stopped and be made illegal and all previously built flood plain interrupting levees be removed. (6) Environmental water need to be better managed, and the Current MDBA plan is not working , Water should be placed under the control of only one Government Body for all states , the current system will not work because , every 3 or 4 years state governments change and the political views on water varies from Party to party and state to state , and is not based on water need in most places, but based on greed. (7) The Draft measurement bill , as proposed by the NSW government, leaves a lot to be desired because it is being drafted for only one state. Rivers do not belong to one state ,but flow through 4 states and one territory, and the bills being put in place by the NSW government. Should apply to all states and should all be covered by one government body that oversees the management of the rivers. The MDBA is trying its best but is not fully utilised by all states. (8) This submission is placed with good intentions and has been based on S100 of the Australian Constitution , which states that water has to be available ,to all people and States, and all must have reasonable use off the rivers, The current water distribution in Nsw and the governments will give water preference to Cotton farmers, over the needs of towns like Tilpa, Louth, Wilcannia , Broken Hill Menindee and Pooncarie, cannot be classed in my view as "reasonable use" as in S100 of the Australian Constitution.

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