

## Online submission: Better management of environmental water - [REDACTED]

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I am not making a technical or expert submission. I am making a submission on the general issue of water management as a deeply concerned citizen and as a member of the community because water is not only a community resource - it's a resource that belongs to future generations. And this is why I am making a submission on something that I don't have detailed knowledge of but is so incredibly important that I feel compelled to at least voice my concerns. It concerns me that the current Government's management of one of our most precious resources - fundamental to human existence - shows blatant disregard to scientific evidence and breaches the Murray-Darling Plan - an agreement Governments signed up to which took years of negotiations and cost the tax payer significant investment. The Four Corners episode was shocking to me. As a person living in the city I had trusted that the Murray-Darling water management plan was being enforced. It seems irrigators and some farming interests have preferential treatment to the point of the NSW Government turning a blind eye to theft - a theft that is not only stealing from downstream communities - they are stealing our children and grandchildren's future. To say I am appalled is an understatement. It seems like the most important reform needed in water management is to ensure the legislation strengthens transparency and independence and that all decisions about water management need to be first and foremost informed by independent scientific evidence. Ministerial discretion needs to be limited as it seems prone to influence by the vested interest of those with money and power. Reforms are all well and good but what Four Corners demonstrated is that you need effective and well resourced enforcement. Please don't sacrifice our children's future to protect the economic power of a few. Water is and should always be a resource that belongs to all of us equally; no-one should have a greater right to it than another simply because their pockets are deeper.

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