

## Online submission: Better management of environmental water - McDonald

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I am locally born and bred at Baradine and Coonabarabran, the daughter of 2 generations of British farming families. I believe that it is time to acknowledge the damage European settlers have done to the land through ignorant and greedy practices. In this enlightened age, we can stop listening to short-sighted, self-interested politicians such as Barnaby Joyce. As responsible citizens we can avail ourselves of expert scientific advice and adopt sustainable practices that will protect and regenerate the environment, its flora and fauna, for future generations. My attendance at a NSW government- held MDBA information session in 2016 which sought to deliberately obfuscate the facts so that honourable, concerned participants might be convinced that taking more water from the Northern Basin would NOT affect the riparian environmental system; at information sessions held by the Australian Conservation Society and Lifeblood Alliance on the MDBA; and my own exposure to the ABC's Four Corners programme revealing widespread water -theft and the dismal failure of NSW monitoring officials to penalise them, have all lead me to the conclusion that the NSW government cares nothing for the communities along the Murray Darling Basin or for the ultimate health of the rivers. The National Party have pandered to lobby groups such as the Food and Fibre group and ignored the little constituents who are the "Davids" in this story. The Liberal Party continues to allow the NP to rule both Federally and at State level. It is not leadership. A fair and transparent system where "environmental" water is allocated to the environment and not to landholders, where water licences can only be bought by the government and not sold at lucrative prices upstream, where expert advice as to how we can restore our rivers to health is respectfully appraised, needs to be implemented without delay.

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