

## To the ACCC in relation to the MDB water markets inquiry.

I was one of the last to leave the Deniliquin venue

The ACCC staff suggested that I should put in a submission

I am a simple farmer who converts the sun's energy into food and fibre with the security of being a general security irrigator. I am a practical greenie. My fellow farmers say I am a damn good farmer. The "snowy hydro scheme" was set up to "DROUGHT PROOF AUSTRALIA", NOT what it is being used for now.

I know it is not in your brief, but all security has gone out the window. It is all about the big end of town. The river is being run back to front. Water heights raised so that they can go sailing on the lower lakes, water ski down the river. All causing river damage and raising of the water table. And destroyed one of the world's largest estuaries in the world.

The security of the general security irrigator in the 50s 60s 70s 80s and 90s no longer exists. There is NO future. What's the point Dad????

What hope is there when we are told "NO ALLOCATION, till there is air space created in the dam" when Hume weir is at 90%.

50 % carry over is killing everything. Only the man with the big cheque book is the winner and that is usually with some one else's money. I can cope with 20% carry over, but 50% is destroying the economic environment and creating WAIST of water.

The situation we are in at the moment, in VIC and NSW along the Murray river is not a rain drought but a Canberra drought. It is all about Seats, Power and the big end of town.

All the best with your report.

I guess the report will join all the rest on a shelf, some where in Canberra.

Yours sincerely

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