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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

MILDURA WATER MEETING 11.00-1.00

I WOULD SUGGEST AN AUDIT BE CONDUCTED ~~ON~~ THE LICENCES THAT HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED ACROSS THE MDB ALLOWING EXTRACTION OF WATER FROM THE BASIN AND THAT THIS DATA BE COMPARED AGAINST THE CAPACITY OF THE SYSTEM TO DELIVER THIS WATER.

RECENTLY A TEN KILOMETRE STRETCH ALONG THE HIGHWAY BETWEEN WY AND BARRANALD WAS BEEN PLANTED TO ALMONDS. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO SEE THE BACKEND OF THESE PLANTINGS FROM THE HIGHWAY. GIVEN ONE ALMOND KERNEL REQUIRES 5 LITRES OF WATER TO BE PRODUCED THIS PLANTING IS JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF HUGE WATER CONSUMPTION.

I CHALLENGE AUTHORITIES TO REALIGN ALLOCATION ENTITLEMENTS WITH THE CAPACITY OF THE MDB SYSTEM TO DELIVER. AS AN INTERIM MEASURE NEW LICENCES SHOULD BE WITHHELD UNTIL THE SYSTEM IS BALANCED.

I ALSO SUGGEST ALLOCATING LICENCES TO ~~A~~ NEWLY ESTABLISHED WATER ALLOCATION AREAS ACROSS THE BASIN AND NOT ALLOWING ~~THE~~ WATER FROM THESE AREAS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER AREA / PERSON / COMPANY. Karl Fry