

Socio-Economic Assessment of Murray-Darling Basin Submission Template

Submission Number 001

1. What organisation (if relevant) are you from?

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Bring communities back to the heart of conversations and action that decide their future

This section encompasses the following categories:

- Governments must rebuild community trust in water reform, and lead from the front
- Current funding is not enough to support community led transitions for Basin communities impacted by water reform
- Socioeconomic neutrality criteria should be accompanied by a process to provide flexibility for communities to move to less water dependent futures where communities request this

4. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the Panel's key findings and recommendations, and why? Please provide as much detail as possible.

The recommendations and key findings, have been well thought out and do appear to be community focused.

5. Are there any significant gaps? What are we missing?

Not much, I hope this helps.

6. If implemented, do you think our recommendations would make a difference or have a benefit to you and/or your community?

Hopefully, it would depend on the attitude of how it is implemented.

Meet the pressing needs of First Nations

This section encompasses the following categories:

- More needs to be done to improve social, cultural and economic outcomes for First Nations communities

7. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the Panel's key findings and recommendations, and why? Please provide as much detail as possible.

I haven't looked through the details thorough, as I am not original. I did notice a heading alluding to this. I am glad and hope it will be a significant part of the solution.

8. Are there any significant gaps? What are we missing?

Seems thorough, I hope human rights to clean water (and to make their/our own) is emphasised, along with all of the human rights.

9. If implemented, do you think our recommendations would make a difference or have a benefit to you and/or your community?

Yes

Implement water reform with greater care so potential harms are minimised

This section encompasses the following categories:

- From this point on, governments should match the pace of all further water recovery to the capacity of systems and communities to absorb and adjust change
- Basin communities need greater clarity around river operations
- The quality, timeliness and awareness of indicators related to wellbeing and the environment need to be better
- Research and innovation need more focus on helping farm businesses transition to flexible farming systems
- Moving towards more sustainable irrigation infrastructure

10. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the Panel's key findings and recommendations, and why? Please provide as much detail as possible.

I do appreciate the complex system in the finding and the focus on sustainability.

11. Are there any significant gaps? What are we missing?

Nothing.

12. If implemented, do you think our recommendations would make a difference or have a benefit to you and/or your community?

Yes

Support the capacity of communities to adapt to change

This section encompasses the following categories:

- Basin communities need greater clarity around river operations
- The quality, timeliness and awareness of indicators related to wellbeing and the environment need to be better
- The Australia Government needs to further invest in regional connectivity in the Basin

13. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the Panel's key findings and recommendations, and why? Please provide as much detail as possible.

Yes am important topic.

14. Are there any significant gaps? What are we missing?

Fairly well thought.

15. If implemented, do you think our recommendations would make a difference or have a benefit to you and/or your community?

Yes.

Address critical and urgent gaps in wellbeing, infrastructure and services

This section encompasses the following categories:

- The Australian Government needs to further invest in regional connectivity in the Basin
- Basin regions and towns facing acute social and economic issues needs immediate support

16. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the Panel's key findings and recommendations, and why? Please provide as much detail as possible.

Good emphasis on mental health and basic trade services.

17. Are there any significant gaps? What are we missing?

More emphasis on food abundance.

18. If implemented, do you think our recommendations would make a difference or have a benefit to you and/or your community?

If implemented genuinely.