

Socio-Economic Assessment of Murray-Darling Basin Submission Template

Submission Number 012

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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.

1. the social and economic harm done by the MDBPlan is horrendous for the Torrumbarry irrigation district. One only needed to be at the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] having to milk the cows before and after school so that the family could retain their farm. 2. the 450Gl of up water needs to be taken off the table. 3 the MDBPlan needs to be reviewed in light of Climate Change and change in usage patterns. 4. The Burdiken River needs to be diverted so that its water ends up in the Darling River 5. The Lock Zero needs to be put in and the relevant infrastructure put in place to service the users down there. 6. The barrages need to be taken out and the lower Lakes returned to an Estuarine system 7. A study needs to be conducted to discover how much horticultural development can be sustained in the lower Murray both, capacity to deliver and quantities available..

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

The document is long winded, lacks clarity and fails to understand the basic issue of the stress imposed by the MDBPlan, It fails to clearly articulate the stress and economic damage the MDBPlan has had on the small communities along the Murray It fails to stress the frustration of what the community sees as the waste of water being applied year after year, even during the drought into the Gunbower Forest with questionable environmental benefit. It fails to state that farms were environmental havens, but due to lack of water are no longer. It fails to clarify that farmers are environmentalists and want to leave their farm in a better condition than when they took it over' It fails to recognize that if you are going to use water for the environment then there should be an economic benefit as well

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

No. Our community needs the Burdiken River re routed to the top of the Darling with stringent rules and regulations on the users on the darling, to ensure the water makes it to SA.. It also needs Lock Zero to be put in and the relevant infrastructure built for the users down there.

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.
More needs to be done to improve social, cultural and economic outcomes for, all Australians, not just a select group.
 8. Are there any significant gaps? What are we missing?
 9. If implemented, do you think our recommendations would make a difference or have a benefit to you and/or your community?
No, all Australians need to be looked after

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.
There shouldn't be any more water recovery, but rather more water added to the system and the Plan reviewed to get rid of the barrages and save all that water lost to evaporation and keeping the lower lakes full so that the people down there and walk out the back door into there Million dollar boats.
 11. Are there any significant gaps? What are we missing?
 12. If implemented, do you think our recommendations would make a difference or have a benefit to you and/or your community?
Farmers are quite capable of adapting to change, always have been and always will, don't need money wasted on research that may or not be relevant

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.

What a load of crap

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

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

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.

Put more water in the system pull out the barrages, and most of the stress related to water will be gone

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

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

Employ a few more health workers, but will not create productivity or health and well being.