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**What organisation (if relevant) are you from?**

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**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.**

Totally Disagree, The government, politicians & bureaucrats are the problem, Both state and commonwealth. They are not following both NSW Water Management Act, eg. section 5(3)a)b c) or 9(1)a)b) or 44(1)(2)(3), & the commonwealth Water Act 2007 as found by the South Australian Royal Commission when he found Unlawfulness Maladministration and a Political Fix. Want to draw your attention to schedule 2 -Basin Water Charging Objectives and Principles. This outlines the subsidisation of the irrigation industry because 'Full User Pays', 'Impacter Pays', 'Full Cost Recovery' including environmental externalities is not being done as required, thus this is leading to perverse outcomes.

**Are there any significant gaps? What are we missing?**

The end result is meant to be a continual sustainable environment including a water dependent ecosystem. In the Macquarie river (NSW) 'The Drought of Record'(DOR)which has existed since 1895 has been broken 3 times since 2006 the current occasion is 35% of the previous record,Burrundong Dam under 5% with chance of environmental water zero. When a downstream tributary flowed Supplementary water was given ,then FPH Then general security was considered. Now weeks later the Ramsar listed Marshes still have not been properly flooded, after being burnt, let alone creating a sustainable water dependent ecosystem. QUESTION. When if not now does the environment get the water first in front of extraction?

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

NO- You are not creating sustainability for 1) environment, 2) downstream communities, 3) the Water cycle ie floodplains > evaporation > clouds > rainfall > runoff > INFLOW into dams.

**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.**

Please refer to the [REDACTED]

**Are there any significant gaps? What are we missing?**

yes

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

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**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.**

Disagree. All this does is continue a unsustainable, unlawful, maladministered, political fixed(corrupted) outcome for longer, which will result eventually in more cost, human disruption and damage for it to be fixed. It is like telling a drink driver he can drink a little bit less each year and sometime in the future the powers that make the rules will lift the legal alcohol limit!

**Are there any significant gaps? What are we missing?**

Every one & every thing other than the extraction industry The Law

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

marginal

**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.**

Partially agree. Unfortunately this panel is being used to take attention away from, and deflect attention from the real problem, the changing of the original Basin Plan, the associated political coverup. as result this panel risks being part of the problem rather than the solution.

**Are there any significant gaps? What are we missing?**

Some of your staff have vested interests

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

no - very small

**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.**

disagree. Unless it is longterm environmentally sustainable for water dependent ecosystems it will not be sustainable for humans no matter how much you invest or support regions or towns socially or economically.

**Are there any significant gaps? What are we missing?**

The Law SUMMARY: The only way this panel can be on the right side of history is to find, recommend and call for an 'open terms of reference' Royal Commission into all elements of the Murray Darling Basin. Including giving pardons/rewards to outstanding participants, so as a result we can have a longterm sustainable future.

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

short-term only, ie political fix