

**Submission
No 2**

**IMPACTS OF THE WATER AMENDMENT (RESTORING OUR RIVERS) ACT
2023 ON NSW REGIONAL COMMUNITIES**

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Moulamein is a small town in the Riverina of nsw.its economy relies on irrigation water to grow large scale crops such as rice, wheat and barley. Costs of grain production are currently very high, and having less water available for irrigation, will force the cost of water for irrigation to be even higher. This will reduce the amount of grain grown, and could also force some farmers to leave the industry.we also need irrigation water to grow pastures to feed sheep and cattle.decreased availability of water will mean less lamb and beef produced. This will result in higher costs of meat in the supermarkets

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Water buy backs will have the overarching impact of making family farms unviable; which will result in our town dying because people leave the agricultural sector.