

**Submission  
No 17**

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

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Water buy backs are decimating my community, not just small farming assets, but also commercial assets such as main street businesses.

The condition of the river has been decimated by carp and I urge the use of measures to control and reduce the carp population in favour of native fish populations.

I am concerned by the use of environmental water flows to maintain the fresh water content of the Murray river lower lakes which, historically, have been partially saline and their levels dependent on seasonal conditions but now held fresh by the introduction of the barrages. Also high level river flows have added to major erosion of the natural river banks.