

**Submission
No 21**

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

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I feel the background to this project has not been adequately set out. I was personally involved, in 2015, in a campaign against the use of water from the Macquarie/Wambool for a gold mining project by WA company Regis. I am concerned that the water security project now proposed will ultimately result in water security for gold mining in the region, with local towns and regions expected to sacrifice their water supply for gold mines. While the term "water" seems to be preferred by the proponents we must never forget that we're talking about rivers, which are sites of biodiversity and the source of resources including animals, plants, fungi and other entities and ecological processes. Water in the landscape is a valuable resource in this region for agriculture, industry and recreation. I'm concerned that gold mining is set to take more than its fair share.