

We must work together to seize the huge opportunity for New South Wales that is before us, the global demand for quality Australian food and fibre will underpin our Nation's future prosperity – From Mining to Dining.

An effective and improved triple bottom line for People, Planet & Profit in New South Wales is achievable.

In 2002 General Security farmers committed 15% of entitlements & High security 5% of Irrigation entitlements to the New South Wales Government for the environment and these farmers are still paying the fixed charges for that water. This so called "voluntary contribution" with no buy back or compensation is still held by the NSW Government and is clearly a duplication and not necessary as the Federal government has legislated The Murray Darling Basin Plan.

We ask that NSW sells 650 Gigalitres of this uncompensated procurement to The Federal Government to satisfy the downwater requirement of the Fundamentally Flawed Murray Darling Basin plan.

These NSW Farmers should then be compensated for the water taken by NSW and the ongoing fixed charges paid out.

We strongly encourage the NSW State Government to renew feasibility studies on The Bradfield & Clarence River diversion programs as well as in system storage plans like Lake Coolah etc.

Serious consideration should be devoted to increase Burrinjuck Dams capacity from 1028 Gigalitres to 4000 Gigalitres by either increasing the existing dam wall or building a new wall downstream.

The new or re-worked wall could be designed to always release warm water from the top thus eliminating cold water pollution.

This revised dam could have 25% airspace for flood mitigation and 50% environmental water without affecting irrigator's allocations.

Climate Change can mean longer hotter, dryer periods and a likely shorter heavier, quicker wetter periods and for this reason increased storage is more important than ever.

Effectively managing water is the KEY, and Governments have the responsibility to its people to better protect us from flood and damage while helping the environment.

Base Load Clean energy is the future and the most effective way to provide that is Hydro Electricity which should be added to the increased Burrinjuck dam.

The Basin Plan is a huge impediment to New South Wales, the ridiculous mismanagement of the Lower Lakes & Coorong at our expense, Blackwater events caused by dumping environmental water onto a flood, Cold water pollution killing native fish, stripping river banks & flooding properties. We must stand firm and demand that enough is enough and that the 450 gigalitres of upwater should never happen.