

Submission  
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**INQUIRY INTO RATIONALE FOR, AND IMPACTS OF,  
NEW DAMS AND OTHER WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IN  
NSW**

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Prior to this media exposure of what was happening along the Murray Darling River and the impacts on so many things, I was absolutely shocked to discover the reality of this story. I can never forget the images of so many dead fish going for such long way covering the river which caught my attention! I wanted to find out more so after attending some forums, watching Australian Story and listening to 3CRs earth matters and the different speakers I feel it's vital to speak up and educate everybody going forward into the future.

After listening to Mel Gray from Dubbo and how the Dams have affected the river flow and the impacts upon so many species, in particular the birds flying from Russia and Asia to breed as this the most important Marsh in the Southern Hemisphere. This along with hearing Ray Woods the Wurrunjeri Elder and how this has affected their sacred land as well as the loss of Yabbies which will be the end of this species into the future.

Not to mention the livelihoods of farmers and families with not enough water and the local communities. The people this affects should be consulted with as it affects them and be enabled to have a voice!

These are just some of the reasons that I would like to forward this submission to Parliament prior to any further decisions are made affecting these rivers.