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Subject: Western Regional Water Strategy

The inland rivers of the Murray/Darling system have been degraded by years of neglect and over extraction for irrigation. The problem needs to be addressed with urgency, all the more so in light of climate change. Rising evaporation rates and more severe droughts are inevitable and must be taken into account. I fully support the points raised in the submission from the Western Rivers Network. The fish kills of 2019 are still fresh in our minds. We have a moral duty but also sound economic reasons to take care of our precious water resources and riverine ecosystems. My family used to run sheep near Coonamble and I have vivid childhood memories of the Castlereagh River and Negera Creek, both being full of fish in those days.

Sincerely,

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