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DPI NSW Regional Water Strategies

SUBMISSION

Proposed action 1:3 to suspend environmental flows in extreme drought

I am writing this submission in regard to proposed action 1:3 to suspend environmental flows on Windburndale Rivulet in extreme drought.

As landholders of [REDACTED], both properties having a direct frontage to the rivulet. We strongly disagree with the above proposal.

This action would dramatically affect the environment of the Windburndale Rivulet, a basic minimum flow during drought is crucial to ensure the health of wildlife & clean stock water for farmers.

As a result of the reduced flow in the last drought, we ourselves did struggle with clean stock water for our cattle. Good clean water is very important in growing quality beef cattle. As a business this was extremely worrying.

Additionally, there is the environmental impacts to consider. The lack of water has and will continue to cause changes to the ecosystem. Speaking with people who have lived on the rivulet over the last 70 plus years they have seen huge changes. During the last drought of around 3 years they had never seen the rivulet so dry and they tell of times when fish & platypus were plentiful, now platypus is a distant memory.

Bathurst Regional Council need to do more in regard to water strategies to cope with population growth. We cannot destroy the environment of the Windburndale Rivulet to water our sporting field & sewage plant. Alternative water sources need to be found.

Suspending flows in dry times, would definitely affect the livelihoods of farmers on the rivulet as well as the wildlife dependant on a healthy waterway.

Kind Regards,

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