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## **Macquarie-Castlereagh Regional Water Strategy**

*The NSW Government is taking action to improve long-term water security for Macquarie-Castlereagh. The Macquarie-Castlereagh Regional Water Strategy sets out a shortlist of proposed actions to help deliver healthy and resilient water resources for a liveable and prosperous region.*

## **H E KATER AND SON PASTORAL COMPANY PTY LTD DIRECTORS & MANAGEMENT REFUTE THIS STATEMENT.**

## **NO 1 PRIORTIY – PROTECTING OUR NATURAL WATERWAYS & THE COMPLEX ECOSYSTEMS WHICH ARE WELL ESTABLISHED ALONG & AROUND THEM.**

**It is vital for a government organisation to listen carefully to local land holders who have sound knowledge of their region.**

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### **REASONS IN POINT FORM:**

***H E Kater and Son Pastoral Company Pty Ltd strongly supports to maintain the creek systems - they are an integral part to the Macquarie Valley & it's ecosystem.***

- Silt traps - Loss of native animals & livestock bogged in silted water ways
- Established ecosystems would be decimated – loss of fish, water birds, Amphibians & river gums. With over 741km (in length) of meandering creeks through the biodiverse Macquarie valley, it is a larger wildlife sanctuary than the marshes
- Brid life will migrate to troughs - exposed areas – greater risk to predators.
- UCV's (Unimproved Capital Value) will decrease – impact values for rating purposes
- All paddocks will have to be fenced \$\$\$ - the ongoing cost to this after each flood event
- Mental Health – unable to quantify the enormous value creek system have to homesteads & their gardens. A refuge for people
- The fish kill will be beyond comprehension
- Bush fire impact will be far greater – creek systems are natural fire breaks

Creek systems create natural cooling & irrigation to the surrounding land

- ?? How are you guaranteeing during summer to allocate sufficient water downstream for stock & domestic whilst there is a high demand to supply water to all current licenses up steam. (Eg: Colane Station (downstream) 13,000 sheep x 6ltrs/day requires 78,000ltrs/day, this is 1 rural holding)
- Marshes are not swamps – They are meant to dry out. NOT TO BE KEPT CONTINUALLY FULL
- Greater efficiency to send water via the Gunningbar / Bogan to the Barwon / Darling / Murray rivers from Burrendong
- When Burrendong dam was commissioned, water flow was guarantee for all creeks flowing out of the Macquarie. 1. To the Mumblebone weir (Crooked Creek) 2. To the Goungolgon weir on the Gunningbar/Bogan

Yours Faithfully

HE Kater and Son Pastoral Company Directors & Management

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