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Submission of Water Bill Amendments ( 2015)

I find it very difficult to make a submission using your restricted format, but will try.

Briefly,

These amendments to the Water Act will make the cost of recovering targets more expensive and probably cost taxpayers more in the end. It override the Sustainable Diversion Limits, also making it harder to achieve real reductions in water use away from the Murry, and there is uncertainly about what “efficiency measures” are still possible, while ambiguity about what water has been “bought” buy the government makes enforcement more questionable.

Finally, the Traditional Owners are opposed to these amendments, as they threaten cultural heritage locations that are presently better protected.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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