

Water Amendment (Restoring Our Rivers) Bill 2023

Dear Senators

I'm writing to you because I'm seriously concerned about the impact this Bill will have on my community.

I can't grow rice without water, and I don't believe it's right that this Bill could shut down my industry.

I know this Government wants another 450 GL of water for the environment. Buy-backs – with no protections for communities – is the most devastating way that this can be done.

I know there's other options on the table – and these should be the Government's priority over buy-back.

The following changes must be made to this Bill:

- The Government should not be allowed to purchase water through open-tender buy-backs.
- All existing socio-economic protections must remain, and must be an obligation on this Government.

Thank you for considering my submission.

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