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**To:** [RRAT Committee \(SEN\)](#)  
**Subject:** Export Control Amendment (Banning Cotton Exports to Ensure Water Security) Bill 2019  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I totally object to the proposed cotton export ban. I grow dryland cotton. I take no water from Murray Darling Basin so why should I be prevented from growing cotton. Cotton is a pillar crop for me. It is a desert plant that can survive our harsh summers better than the other summer crop choices. Also banning irrigated cotton would affect the economies of scale. Ie cotton gins and other infrastructure used by dryland cotton growers.

Banning cotton exports would have no impact on the Murray Darling. Irrigated farmers would just grow other less valuable crops, use the same amount of water and the growers and the whole country would be worse off.

This is a stupid bill. Poorly conceived and would hurt thousands off people in regional Australia. Ditch the bill.

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