

SAVE GREEN/DOCK LAKES

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ASSEMBLED IN PARLIAMENT:

The petition of certain citizens of Australia, particularly those resident in the Division of Mallee, points out to the House that GWM Water has proposed Green Lake and Dock Lake, south east of Horsham, will be designated as low-priority water storages when the federal, state and locally funded Wimmera Mallee Pipeline is completed. The importance of environmental values has been recognised however; the GWM proposal fails to recognise the social value of safe recreational waters to inland country communities and families.

Your petitioners therefore request the Federal Government ensures the Victorian State Government, GWM Water and other relevant authorities acknowledge the enormous social value of safe recreational water to Country communities. Considering the huge community financial investment in the pipeline project to create water savings, we ask that permanent water be guaranteed for recreational purposes, in particular Green Lake and Dock Lake. This water must be allocated by the State Government as a community service obligation when the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline water savings are available.