

PETITION

'SAVE THE MENINDEE LAKES'

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives assembled in Parliament. The petition of residents in the Farrer/Murray-Darling Electorates draws to the attention of the House that they are opposed to the proposal to drain Lake Menindee and Cawndilla and decommission those lakes. The aquifer proposed by the Federal Government to supply Broken Hill with water is an unrealistic and costly alternative and has the potential to price water beyond the capacity of Broken Hill consumers. The Government must also realise that the Menindee Lakes are a tourism asset and provide a recreational area for people in the far west and tourists.

Your petitioners therefore request the House ensures local consultation is undertaken to gain local knowledge before any decision is made.