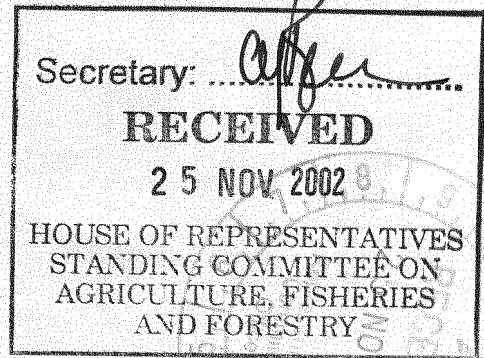


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Standing Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
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Dear Mr Dundas

Re: Twynam Submission to the "Inquiry into future water supplies for Australia's rural industries and communities"

Further to our submission comments regarding the importance of genuine community engagement to the success of water reform and natural resource management initiatives we wish to note the following elements that we see as critical to effective community consultation and ownership of decision making:

- Community based management committees with;
 - equitable representation of primary producers
 - community representation limited to individuals who live within the planning area
 - voting rights limited to community representatives, with agency representatives providing technical advice only
- Decisions on water usage be on a sustainable basis.
- The scientific validity of environmental targets and water sharing models are tested.
- Independent socio-economic studies are conducted prior to decision making.

Yours sincerely

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