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Secretary
Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage
House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam

**Submission to House of Representatives
Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage**

**INQUIRY INTO PUBLIC GOOD CONSERVATION
– IMPACT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURES IMPOSED ON LANDHOLDERS**

Please find our submission to your Inquiry attached.

The following gives a brief understanding of our company which moved to local ownership (public unlisted company) from a State Owned Corporation in February 1999:

2,700 irrigators provided with water and drainage
240 staff employed
120,000 hectares irrigated annually, with rice, summer crops, citrus and grapes as major crops
180,000 hectares set out for irrigation
300,000 hectares western stock & domestic assured of drought security
970,000 megalitres general security allocation
250,000 megalitres high security allocation (that is half the allocation of the Murrumbidgee River)
243,000 megalitres system delivery allowance
5 Local Government areas involved, Griffith, Leeton, Narrandera, Carrathool and Hay

In summary we service irrigated agriculture which is the basis of the economy of the Western Riverina.

Murrumbidgee Irrigation would appreciate an opportunity to review the draft report that resulted from the consultations prior to Cabinet endorsing it.

I am happy to provide any further assistance.

Yours faithfully



Cedric Hoare
Chief Executive Officer
19 May 2000