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**MAIN POINTS OF MURRAY DARLING BASIN PLAN ARE  
FLAWED.**

1. **Water flowing into icon sites does not need to flow to lower lakes in South Australia. Modern irrigation systems expect farmers to be able to deliver water to an exact area of our farm without waste or overflow to another area.**
  
2. **River red gums do not need water every year. Small red gums always spring up from seed when a normal flood occurs. Far better to have new trees than old ones with rotting wood.**
  
3. **Our purpose built dams intended for irrigation have now been hijacked by greens who live in cities and don't have a clue.**
  
4. **Lower lakes in South Australia need to be returned to a salt water environment if we are to produce enough food for the future. 2015gigalitres when full plus evaporation is more than the total of lake Hume when full- 3038gigalitres.**
  
5. **Instead of dreading the mouth of the Murray look at engineering works like pipes and pumps to bring sea water in. Put a weir at Wellington to stop the salt from entering the river. No other lake on the edge of our continent is fresh water. Lakes Entrance – Mallacoota – Lake Illawarra .**
  
6. **Too much water in forests washes back into river systems creating polyphenols from rotting vegetation and causes major native fish kills. Eg Colligen creek January 2009 and Wakool river system 2010.**

7. Our farms provide when irrigated havens for birds and animals as well as producing food and sustaining lively communities of people who would otherwise head to the cities.

8. Rivers are not in trouble NEITHER IS THE ENVIRONMENT. This year is a classic example. Environmental flows happen in major floods – don't need artificial floods which wouldn't happen in the middle of a drought.

9. THE ACT IS FLAWED. THE BASIN PLAN IS IRRELEVANT. What a waste of money to put forward a very radical first draft plan which you know wont work. Where is the plan for food security – other countries are very mindful of this. Eg the bid this week from a Spanish company for Sunrice.

10. Our irrigation dams will be full of water for the environment and Lower lakes. Who said you could use our dams. Wasn't the original plan to drought proof our beautiful and very productive farming land.

11. Our food producers have been pushed out of the high rainfall areas around major cities because of housing development therefore to produce food we need water.

12. Scrap the whole plan – just make the existing organisations continue to work together for a balanced outcome State water bodies – Private irrigation schemes – Murray Darling Basin Authority.

We already have a framework in place . This plan will only add another level of bureaucracy and create another pink bats fiasco.

13. Just maybe this whole plan is nothing to do with the environmental, social or economic outcomes but more to do with the crusade by the World Wildlife Foundation and its partner in Australia the Australian Conservation Foundation whose agenda is to depopulate the world from 7 billion down to 1-2 billion people.

Why would any government purposely shut down the perfectly good food bowl of Australia unless there was a more sinister plan to deprive people of affordable clean green food.

The Murray Darling Basin has the ability with just 6% of the nations water runoff to produce over 1/3 of the nations food.

I CAN ONLY COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE MURRAY DARLING BASIN IS BEING SHUT DOWN BECAUSE OF ITS SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT OVER DECADES BY VISIONARIES AND PIONEERING FARMERS WHO WEREN'T INFECTED BY THE GREEN IDEOLOGY AND ITS GENOCIDAL OBSESSION WITH DEPOPULATION AND I CHALLENGE OUR LEADERS TO PROVE THAT THIS IS NOT THE TRUE AGENDA BEHIND THIS DEVASTATING MURRAY DARLING BASIN PLAN.

Yours sincerely

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My mother, father and uncle were some of the early pioneers of the rice industry at Wakool and it saddens me to think their lives work devoted to establishing this area has gone unrecognised by todays politicians who have obviously never been hungry.