



Tony, congratulations on the position that you and your independent friends are in.

What I mean by that, is that you now have the ability to really control the best interests of all Australians not just those people of your own electorate.

I am situated in Broken Hill, in the Federal seat of Farrer, which was won again by the Liberals.

The only issue that concerned me leading up to this election was the fate of the Murray-Darling Basin from the top to the bottom.

The Menindee Lakes system which is in the virtual heart of the Basin is so important to me and all communities that rely on its very existence.

I grew up in Menindee and Broken Hill, so it really makes me quiver and shake when I see political parties ignoring the real problems of the basin.

Anyway I could go on for hours about who is right and who is wrong about the water issues that confront us all but if there is one thing that the Australian public can remember you by, let it be that you hold what ever party you decide to give the balance of power, to be held accountable for the very existence and future of the Murray-Darling Basin.

Let the water flow and maintain the environmental equity of the mighty rivers that combine to form the great Murray-Darling Basin.

The rivers and streams within this great system, represent the blood flowing through the veins of Australia.

You can make a difference Tony, please for all Australians sake, make sure the Murray-Darling Basin survives and is managed for the benefit of all those whom rely on it for survival.

Business and citizens can enjoy the many benefits that the great rivers can provide in profitability and recreation.

During your interview on the 7:30 Report tonight, you made one very valuable statement, that was calling Barnaby Joyce a fool and an embarrassment to country Australia.

How true those words are and let it be noted that while he sits near the

headwaters of the basin, we are always going to have him strangling the very life of our great rivers.

Best of luck to you in making your decision.

Darryn Clifton

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