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To The Senate Committee

We as landholders living on the Narran River in the Brewarrina district, have held this property for 50 years + was purchased originally for its beneficial flooding, now find ourselves in a situation where there is no flooding + struggle to get stock + domestic flows down the system, the last being 2 years ago even though there has been significant rain events in the catchment area in Qld, since the development of the irrigation + cotton in the Condamine system this property which is three properties above the Narran Lake + was normally one of the easiest flooded properties is lucky to even get stock water.

Our flood plain's country is totally dead + our trees are dying at a rapid rate. Before the development of the irrigation old country was flooded on an average at least once every 12 months, even in the past receiving some beneficial flooding during drought years.

As members of the Culgoa Balonne Minor Water Users Association we have

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been fighting the development of the irrigation industry in Qld on such an enormous scale with the system which is supposed to have an annual flow of 1,000,000 M.G. but per year being committed for 1,300,000 M.G. this has now been increased with overland flows being taken.

Our property which is only small but had a manner carrying capacity because of the beneficial flooding. We have now had this advantage taken away from us reducing our earning capacity through no fault of our own, so we appeal to your committee for help to restore the River flows before the damage to this flood plain becomes irreversible.

Thanking you,

Robert + Ann Senior

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