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Subject: Objection to Macquarie River to Orange Pipeline Project

OBJECTION TO MACQUARIE RIVER TO ORANGE PIPELINE PROJECT/ORANGE DROUGHT RELIEF CONNECTION.

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Dear Belinda,

We would like to submit a strong objection to the use of exorbadant public money to construct a pipeline which require expensive and on-going maintenance that will achieve minimal results at great expense. The money could better spent in other areas like stormwater harvesting and increasing the Suma Park Dam wall to secure Orange's water security without impacting on ecological and environmentally sensitive areas.

Also, we have been informed that Suma Park Dam is below acceptable safety standards and needs to be upgraded. This should be the first priority before a drop of water is diverted into the dam.

Then there is the obvious destruction environmentally, affecting native flora and fauna.

Ontop of that, the logistics and costs of pumping the water far outweigh the benefits, especially when there are other options available for our cool-climate area with sufficient rainfall normally and much more water-conscious residents.

How can the Federal & State Governments give so much money to local council and not ensure the above problems are not prpoerly addressed? Ask anyone in the streets of Orange and the majority will be against the Pipeline Construction. We would personally prefer to have the funds redirected to food security rather than build a white elephant!

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,
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