

Belinda Scott - Proposed Macquarie River pipeline .

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Dear Ms Scott ,

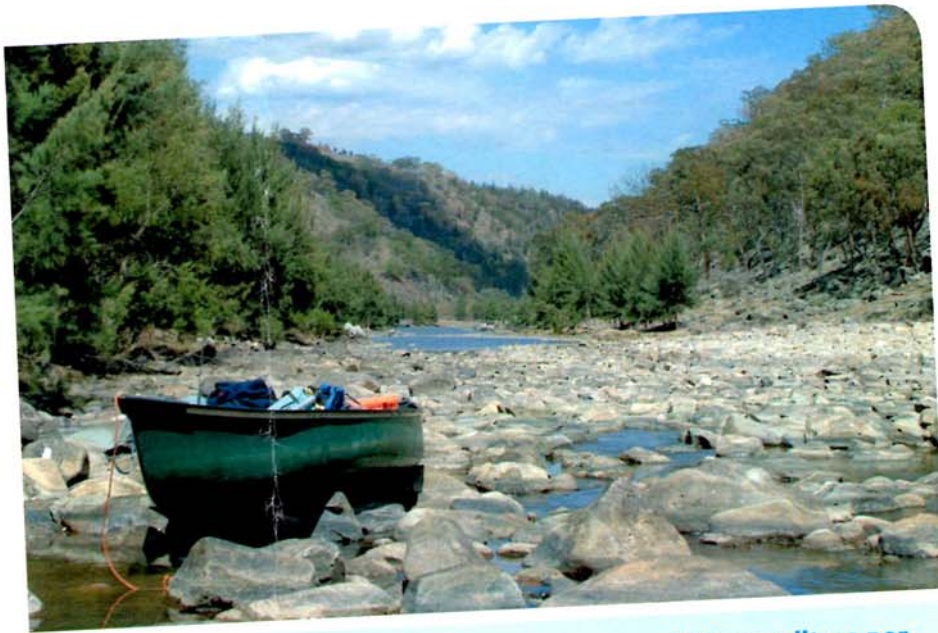
As a New South Wales resident and tax payer , I wish to register my OBJECTION to the proposal of Orange City Council to construct a water pipeline between that area and the Macquarie River at Gardners Hole , in the region of Hill End , North of Bathurst .

Although a Sydney dweller , I have long had an affinity for that region and its river and , from likely evidence , that river cannot sustain the extent of outflow that Orange is planning (12 mil Litres / day) , particularly in times of drought , without substantial impact on its local viability and life and on the wellbeing and propogation of its abundant fishlife . I would also believe that the hilly topography between the river and Orange would also suffer and degrade with the construction of this pipeline and its ongoing maintenance access routes . I cannot believe that such a proposal should even see light-of-day serious consideration .

Can you please register these views with Orange City Council and the State / Federal Environmental Ministers who are to fund the project , and actively encourage Orange to implement an alternate water-supply strategy and source .

yours faithfully ,

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Above: Upper Macquarie River at a low flow rate of 46 megalitres per day. The pipeline will remove over 35% of the daily river flow when the pumps cut in at a very low flow of 34 megalitres per day. Pumping will continue during droughts and for extended periods of time.

Orange City Council's aquatic consultants have not provided true reports of numbers of native fish species that occur in this area. The consultants even failed to identify the Trout Cod recovery program for this section of river – information that is readily available. The consultants state it is unlikely to have a significant impact because no threatened fish species were recorded in the study area. The aquatic consultants admit that their study is only a “snap shot” due to time and financial restraints.

The underwater noise of the pumps will resonate throughout the length of Gardiners Hole making the habitat unsuitable for native fish. The water temperature will rise dramatically killing the native fish which are now established in the ideal conditions of Gardiners Hole.