

Belinda Scott - Macquarie River to Orange pipeline project

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To the Planning Authority,

I am a regular visitor to the Orange and central west area and have heard about the intention to put a pipeline through to the Orange community from the Macquarie River. I am simply bemused by the prospect. The Macquarie River is a valuable and significant habitat for many endangered species of fish and that is not in doubt. The pipeline will reduce the water table and these species will die. On that point alone, this an outrageous poposal. Have we not heard that the fish population is in serious trouble world wide ? This project is taking action to speed up the reduction process. Rejuvenation is the only hope we have and people have been actively encouraging fish rejuvenation in the Macquarie River.

I have a property in WA where I grew up through which a great pipeline runs. The need for access to the pipeline means that a large area of land on either side of this pipeline has to be kept clear, which means that not only the land on which your proposed pipeline will be constructed will be destroyed but also the area around it - which will leave nothing for the the existing wildlife in the already highly cleared land area.

Not to mention how ugly it looks.

There are other, better options which need to be thoroughly investigated. Having been involved with habitat and environment council proposals before I am very aware that the easiest and cheapest option is the preferred one - regardless of the destruction it may wreak. This in the end, generally ends up costing much more money long term. And once this sort of thing is done it changes the structure of the environment forever - and for the worse. Who takes responsibility for that?

I hope, on behalf of the environment we enjoy, the planning department rejects this pipeline project.

regards

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