

SUBMISSION: OBJECTION

MACQUARIE RIVER TO ORANGE PIPELINE PROJECT

REF NO: 10_0235

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I wish to lodge my OBJECTION to the above proposed pipeline project on the following basis:

The proposed pipeline from the Macquarie River to Orange will threaten the significant habitat for many threatened species including the Murray Cod, Silver Perch and Catfish which call this area home.

A pipeline in this location would destroy the Trout Cod Recovery Area which is under a five year program to stock these waterholes under the National Endangered Trout Cod Recovery Plan and the NSW Trout Cod Recovery Plan.

The Upper Macquarie River is one of three areas left in Australia where Trout Cod populations are surviving and is a significant site for a successful National Recovery Program.

The section of the Macquarie River just upstream of Burrendong Dam is very environmentally sensitive and deserves high levels of protection.

The Federal Government has granted \$20 million and the NSW Government \$18.2 million towards the pipeline. This money would be better invested in a Regional Water Supply Project that is ecologically sustainable and stable.

The proposed to extract water at low to very low levels of 35ml per day will disrupt fish mitigations for breeding and feeding purposes.

Amongst all of the threatened fish populations and breeding areas, other water dependant animals such as the Platypus will have their good condition habitats threatened.

I have been coming to this area of the Macquarie River for a number of years and believe that the damage the proposed pipeline would do to the River and the native fish populations would be permanent and irreparable. Along with destroying what is a great place to visit and I ask you to reconsider this poorly thought out plan.

From:

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