

RE: PROPOSED MACQUARIE RIVER PIPELINE REF: 10 0235

SUBMISSION AND OBJECTION TO PLANNED PROJECT

Dear Madam /Sir,

As a concerned resident and a ratepayer of Orange city I object to the proposal set up by Orange City Council on several grounds.

I am for water security as a priority, but feel it should be a regional consideration, such as a new dam, which would benefit more people in a dry period, so the cost would be spread, instead of a large increase in rates for Orange that already has one of the highest rates in N.S.W.

The route of the proposed pipeline is unsuitable and the flow of the Macquarie River is impeded for two to three months a year, so ecologically some fish species will be endangered as a result of the flow being further impeded.

The costs of this project will escalate, as it will include maintenance, especially when the pipeline is not being used. For some reason Suma Park Dam wall was not raised despite State Government funds being provided a few years ago.

Stormwater Harvesting has been restricted and a cap put on production and collection for some unknown reason, especially as it would supply much needed water to top up the existing supply

To this date only four or five councillors have been to the proposed site for the pipeline therefore they do not understand how unstable the site is.

I appreciate the opportunity to give this submission.

Yours faithfully

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