

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 threat of landslide and increased sedimentation in the River has not been adequately addressed.

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

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 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.

From

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