

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:

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.

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.

The proposed (not final) pipeline route is through highly cleared central tablelands where all remnant vegetation is significant. Clearing for proposed access would be detrimental for declining woodland birds and mammal species.

I was introduced to this beautiful location over 25 years ago and have been a regular visitor along with many family members enjoying fishing, bird watching, canoeing and the peace and tranquility in and around the areas of the proposed pipeline. This special part of the Macquarie River deserves to be preserved for both the fish and animal populations not threatened by an unsustainable pipeline.

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