

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.

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 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.

I have been coming to this location for the past 30 plus years with my father and family and have introduced my own family as it has grown to this precious location. It is unthinkable that anybody would want to destroy the waterways with the threat from this proposed pipeline. The opportunity to experience bird watching and the total peace and tranquility of this area will be threatened. The proposed pipeline will affect fish stocks and breeding programs along the beautiful Macquarie River and it's tributaries.

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