

## Nathan Stringer - Fwd: Macquarie River to Orange pipeline project

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Dear Ms Scott,

Submission of objection  
Macquarie River to Orange pipeline project  
Ref No: 10\_0235

I am writing to you to express my objection to the above project. The reaches of the Macquarie River where this will occur also happens to be an extremely important location for native fish breeding. I believe there are only two other **national** locations where there are abundant stocks of the endangered Trout Cod. To consider destroying or seriously disturbing such habitat is environmental vandalism.

I am requesting as a matter of urgency the development of a regional water supply solution. This alternative would look at the Central West as a whole, taking into account the needs of the region as well as the needs of the mining industry. I believe that State and Federal grants have been made available for the pipeline. Surely some of this money can go to the regional water

study before approval is given to this project.

Having read the figures it is apparent to me that a high town water usage has been set, way over what the people of Orange have gotten used to recently. This proposal is based on the unrestricted average personal daily water rate, which is very inflated, and wasteful of a very precious resource. All over the nation people are being encouraged to restrict their water and to treat it with respect. The use of technologies to bring in the use of recycled water ( The Queen of England and the UK generally drink it!), the capturing of storm water runoff, and widespread use of tanks would all assist with harvesting water in a more responsible way than degrading a beautiful river and destroying habitat. Together with the associated road access and power line infrastructure, the pipeline route will cause instability to the ground in very steep terrain which could very easily lead to landslides into the Macquarie River. This would be absolutely appalling.

Please do not approve this project but institute a regional water use study and policy that takes care of our environment and our native fish.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Diane O'Mara