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MACQUARIE RIVER TO ORANGE PIPELINE PROJECT REF NO: 10_0235

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I wish to lodge my <u>OBJECTION</u> 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 <u>five year program</u> 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 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.

The proposed to extract water at low to very low levels of 35ml per day will disrupt fish mitigations for breeding and feeding purposes.

I am the third generation of our family to be able come and enjoy the pristine area of the Macquarie River. I was taught to fish by my grandfather and mother in Gardiner's Hole. My partner and I come here often and we would like to be able to bring and teach our children the beauty of this area. This area would be ruined for the native fish and for the people who appreciate this area if this proposed pipeline was to be approved.

From

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