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Dear Orange City Council and NSW Government,

Under the Pump!

I am one of Australia's 5 million recreational anglers and I am concerned that the NSW State Government could provide approval for a water pipeline from Macquarie River to Orange which could have major impacts on local fish populations.

I request that alternatives to this plan be fully investigated and that Governments at all levels work to ensure:

- The protection of the habitat and native fish of Gardiners Hole and the water holes in this section of the River
- The protection of the current low flows so natural fish passage can occur between Burrendong Dam and the River upstream and to improve water quality conditions
- No interference with the Trout Cod recovery program or the benefits from the Murray Cod and Golden Perch stocking program
- Full and comprehensive compliance with the SEWPaC controlled action requirements

STOP THE PIPELINE! There are better environmental and economic alternatives.

Stop messing up the inland waterways that are already in so much trouble. Get off your political highhorse and do the right thing for once. I work with federal politicians everyday and you, like them are a bunch of immoral criminals who have no right whatsoever to make decisions like this. Leave the bloody river alone and save some native fish that are fast dwindling in this country. Don't let the Trout Cod situation become like here in Canberra where there is no wild population anymore!

So save inland waterways and therefore the native fish...and leave the bloody coastline alone too. Stop closing everything with no scientific backup, consultation or any idea whatsoever really. Buy back commercial licences, don't commercially fish any estuary, stop letting Super Trawlers into our waters and let me go fishing when and where I want.

Like I said, you have no right to decide on this...it's as bloody stupid as the Murrumbidgee to Googong Reservoir Pipeline.

Regards,

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