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**From:** NRC  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 22 July 2020 8:13 AM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Water plan submission

**From:** Phil Shand [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 July 2020 6:20 PM  
**To:** NRC <NRC@nrc.nsw.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Re: Water plan submission

Im sorry if my submission was in bits. I wrote it on my phone and didnt want to go in to too much personal detail so I deleted half of what I wrote. Simply put the Richmond river was given a health rating of 'F'. If A is healthy 'F'is a fail+. Does the commision need more? On all aspects the state has failed to meet its responsibility to manage our waterways. That was the point of my original submission. As a water user I have no faith in the controlling body and Im immersed in seething disrespect for those whom think spending taxes on a commission will help resolve any of the issues raised. Submit what you wish as Im sure my correspondance will be ignored.  
Respectfully Phil Shand

**From:** Phil Shand [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 July 2020 6:52 PM  
**To:** NRC <[NRC@nrc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:NRC@nrc.nsw.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Water plan submission

I reply to your correspondence with a question. Why do you want my opinion? Because Ive expressed a lack of confidence in the current management of the 'resource'?

The Richmond river health measured in 2019 gave it an "f". ("a" being healthy). Is there a need to expand on that? The Nthn Rivers are an embarrassment. My water licence has been an expensive waste as my upsteam neighbors ignore rules, broad spray with glyphosphate, and treat the creek as an agricultural drain. Further up the owners enlarged an in stream dam. Downstream they pump all nite to water lawn why? Poor waterway management was to blame. In my calculation there are about 60 really negligent farms responsible for 50% of the catchment degredation. This is mainly ignorance and oportunism on the part of poor land custodians. Holding information days( farm tea parties) is a waste of money. Direct intevention would be far more cost effective,would require a smaller office and an only slightly larger frontline. But that would require an attitude shift as to the value of our waterways. The council has duristrction to ennforce the length of your pasture but have no duristrction, if a farmer willfully pollutes waterways? The state govt have shown they cant run a shit fight in a septic tank why trust the govt to care for a precious resource? If you've read this far, thank you for your time. Do you think a Comission

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