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**To:** NRC  
**Subject:** Re: Letter to licence holders - Macquarie-Bogan Unregulated Rivers Water Sources 2021  
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To whom it may concern,

I write this as an irrigation farmer at Carinda on the unregulated section of the Macquarie river downstream of Bells Bridge. Unfortunately due to the timing I have not had the opportunity to give this submission the true extent of detail that it deserves. I ask that if possible I could get an extension to allow me time to make a full submission or alternatively an interview or phone consultation to understand the devastating impact this continued erosion of our rights to exist as irrigators.

To summarise the impacts of the 2021 WSP of the Macquarie unregulated rivers in a few sentences is very difficult and I need an extension. In summary

We have not seen any substantial environmental benefits to the river in our area. We still have large periods of zero flows which never occurred prior to when purchased the property in 2000. In 2020 the river did not flow above 75megalitres a day at Carinda till after 3 supplementary flows had occurred in the regulated Macquarie system. The blatant abuse of the river in the marshes and downstream for the greater regulated system is legislative theft. The environmental, social economic impacts have been devastating.

I have told Water NSW and the DPI of the injustice and nothing has been done even though they are aware it is unfair. There has been absolutely no feedback, further information, changes or communication. Any consultation has been lip service at best.

There are a group of us that have been truly catastrophically impacted by this WSP and need to be heard.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards  
Will Winston-Smith  
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