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Dear Mr Wilde

Please find set out below my answers to the five key questions in relation to “social, economic and environmental outcomes and opportunities for improvement” as per your correspondence dated August 7, 2019.

To answer these questions, I printed out the Water Sharing Plan for the Peel Valley – current version – copy attached

Question 1

To what extent do you feel the plan has contributed to social outcomes?

ANSWER

What social outcomes?

It appears that the Natural Resources Commission, Water NSW and Tamworth Regional Council have only got the city of Tamworth in mind for social outcome.

All three aforementioned identities have allowed the growth and social wellbeing of Tamworth city without any consideration towards establishing the necessary logistics for this growth.

New sub-divisions with “town water” have been approved at a rapid rate. Nowhere have any of the aforementioned identities allowed for additional water storage

NO, THEY HAVE NOT

JUST TAKE IT FROM THE FARMERS!!!!!!!

So, what about the social and wellbeing of these farmers that are now unjustly penalized because of the total gross negligence and maladministration of our water system.

Many of the farmers have tried to obtain work away from their farms just to provide food for their families.

Many are on anti-depressants and because they are absent from their farms’ children are having to do much of the work around the farm.

ARE YOU EVEN AWARE OF THE STATISTICS FOR FARMER SUCICIDE?????????????

Question 2

To what extent do you feel the plan has contributed to environmental outcomes?

ANSWER

WHAT ENVIRONMENTAL OUTCOMES?

Is that the hundreds of thousand mega litres allowed out of Chaffey Dam earlier this year for environmental purposes? The water that did not make it to Narrabri because landholders downstream of Tamworth were allowed to pump this water into their dams and 'turkey nests' mainly cotton farmers.

Or is the environmental outcome building a weir near Dungowan which will essentially stop all river flow between Dungowan and Tamworth?

Or is the environmental outcome building a pipeline from Chaffey Dam to this weir at Dungowan to then hook-up with the Dungowan pipeline?

So, is the environmental outcome to virtually stop the river flow between Chaffey Dam and Tamworth?

SO PLEASE EXPLAIN YOU ENVIRONMENTAL OUTCOMES

Question 3

To what extent do you feel the plan has contributed to economic outcomes?

ANSWER

WHAT ECONOMIC OUTCOMES?

Do You mean landholders on the Peel River and Dungowan Creek going broke?

Do you mean that all these properties are now suffering a huge drop in valuation?

Do you mean that there is little or no crop and fodder able to be grown in the Dungowan Valley?

- What will people eat
- What will people feed their livestock with

And most importantly how will these farmers survive with no income???

Question 4

To what extent do you feel the plan has contributed to meeting its objectives?

ANSWER

NOT AT ALL!!!!

Let's look at these objectives – copy attached

There is no protection of the basic landholder rights nor equitable sharing between users

Question 5

What changes do you feel are needed to the water sharing plan to improve outcomes?

ANSWER

A Royal Commission into the total mismanagement of our water systems

A committee made up of all the users –

Tamworth Regional Council
NSW Water
Natural Resources Commission
Peel River Irrigators
Dungowan Creek Irrigators
Peel Valley groundwater irrigator/users

CONCLUSION

DUNGOWAN DAM

Was built for water supply of Tamworth City Council and the landholders where the pipeline is located between Dungowan Dam and Tamworth.

These landholders are now been told to make other water arrangements for their stock and domestic uses.

Tamworth Regional Council has spent millions of rate-payers monies purchasing properties below Dungowan Dam apparently for the purpose of extending Dungowan Dam. However, apparently, they do not want to spend the rate-payers money on this extension but want the NSW Government to pay for it.

Apparently, this can happen BUT NSW Water then want a say in how the water is disbursed. Apparently, Tamworth Regional Council do not want NSW Water to have a say – so

NO DUNGOWAN DAM EXTENSION!!!!!!

AND NO WATER SHARING FROM DUNGOWAN DAM!!!!!!

DUNGOWAN PIPELINE

Was built approximately 40 years ago and

LEAKS LIKE A SIEVE!!!!!!!!!!!!

Tamworth Regional Council have a maintenance team that are constantly repairing the pipeline.

So please explain how a very old pipeline that leaks like a sieve can carry the extra pressure of the water from Chaffey Dam when it apparently cannot cope with the water that comes from Dungowan Dam????

NO WATER SAVING HERE!!!!

TAMWORTH CITY COUNCIL

SHAME ON YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

You are all misleading the people of Tamworth about the water situation – the people who elected you – the people that you are supposed to represent fairly and honestly.

We have been in a drought for three years but only implemented water restrictions in the city just a few months ago!!!!!!

You are expanding the city with total disregard for the people outside the city limits – apparently you wish to grow the city of Tamworth to 100,000 people by 2040.

In my opinion -THIS IS GROSS NEGLIGENCE for you have not laid the logistic foundations to achieve this outrageous EMPIRE BUILDING AMBITION.

Attached is the PURPOSE OF CHAFFEY DAM

It is only to augment the water supply to the City of Tamworth

BUT FIRSTLY, it is to regulate the natural flow of the Peel River to meet IRRIGATION, STOCK AND DOMESTIC REQUIREMENTS IN THE PEEL RIVER VALLEY

Your water solution for Tamworth –

TAKE IT FROM THE FARMERS

NSW WATER

Do you have any idea what you are doing?

i.e. The Chicken Farmers along Loomberah Road – apparently because there will be ZERO WATER FLOW between Chaffey Dam and Tamworth you are contemplating transporting the water to these chicken farms by road transport – TRUCKS.

If this occurs, I believe people have a right to know who will be paying for this

- The Chicken Farms
- Tamworth Rate Payers
- NSW Water – therefore the NSW taxpayers

We the quiet Australians no longer wish to put up with this ineptness

DUNGOWAN VALLEY

Dungowan Valley known as the golden valley – one of – if not the most productive valleys in the New England region – now because of mismanagement and empire power building is turning into a dust bowl!

THERE IS NO EQUAL WATER SHARING

THERE IS NO BASIC LANDHOLDER RIGHTS

THERE IS NO VIABLE IRRIGATION INDUSTRY

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Loretta Payne', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Loretta Payne

A Quiet Australian