

## **Productivity Review of Basin Plan 2023**

### Some dot points for consideration -

- Basic supply and demand economics: If the government continues to remove water from productive irrigation there comes a point where it will be too expensive to grow anything with irrigation water.

Therefore risking food security, farm viability, millions of dollars of stranded assets on farm, unviable corporate and public water delivery systems and billions of dollars will be wasted on all levels of water efficiency works.

- What is the opportunity cost of environmental water ? Lets use water prices as a guide.

-What is the opportunity cost of water that is not helping the environment but has been removed from the productive pool?

- The productivity commission has some 30 recommendations from the last review that haven't been implemented, what are you going to do about that clear waste of your time?

-Productive water has a significant environmental contribution that is not being considered. Water that once looked after frogs, fish ,birds and reptiles all over the flood plain, within the productive irrigation foot prints across the basin, are all now expected to survive in the main river channel which is where most of the government water now flows.

-Time for some new peer reviewed modelling of what has been achieved environmentally, prior to the plan and now.

-Lets make clear what is political water and environmental water.

- Dilution flows to South Australia that are no longer required for salinity should be counted as environmental flows.

-The triple bottom line with no negative impacts on basin communities is completely ignored by the current government, what are you going to do to fix that?

Happy to discuss any of the points raised .

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