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**Murray-Darling Basin Inquiry – Issues Paper**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am an irrigator and have been involved in Australian Agriculture for over 20 years.

I have water directly linked to some of my properties but also have water in Non-Water User accounts. The introduction of NWUs has been very beneficial to my business. The trading rules are, for the most-part, working well and any modification or suspension of the current rules is likely to be harmful to my business and, I strongly believe, may have unintended consequences to the irrigation community generally. Even talk of changing the rules is potentially harmful.

I have progressively embraced the rules (particularly the carryover rules) and hereby request that the current trading rules not be changed as this will have a serious detrimental impact on my business.

There is only so-much water – the current rules respect and cater for that. Please do not change the current rules.

The current system is working and working very well.