

## Nathan Lines ACCC submission into Murray Darling Basin enquiry 12 Nov 2019

Quote section 100 in constitution " The Commonwealth shall not, by any law or regulation of trade or commerce, abridge the right of a State or of the residents therein to the reasonable use of the waters of rivers for conservation or irrigation."

Withholding names and information of who owns water resources and how much they own, indirectly dissolves this sections legal ability against this issue.

Withholding names is void of transparency and removes the ability of "State and Residents", to effectively point out owners of bulk amounts of water.

Owners that may well pose conflicts of interest and/or any potential to directly threaten constitutional rights, national interests, national security, human rights, Animal and environmental welfare etc.

Water is Australias rare life sustaining gold. And the fact that it was allowed to be sold to anyone, leaves Australia in a very venerable position against potential foreign or domestic owners, who don't have Australias best interests at heart.

As a country, If we loose our farmers we loose our ability to make our own food.

We can't make our own food, we rely on imports...

Now just imagine if we go to war, or another country wants to force our country into submission. With rising tensions between America and China... Us Aussies may be forced to make a choice between the two, and the choice will be simple... Americas military or China's imports...

OK now, Here is a sobering scenario... St Petersburg blockade 1941 to 1944, not to long ago really...only lasted 900 days...

during this time there were approximately 2000 people arrested for CANNIBALISM due to a simple blockade of food. And that's only the people who were caught.

That's a city... imagine a country dependent on foreign imports.

Based on what I have just said, I ask the ACCC the following questions:

- 1: Is ACCC concerned with and looking into potential Domestic and Foreign influence relating to ownership and management of water?
- 2: If the ACCC is looking into this and they do find such concerns of influence, what powers will the ACCC exercise to stop such concerns?
- 3: what is the ACCC view on water owners who do not hold any land along the system?
- 4: Amongst your recommendations, is ACCC going to include Helen Daltons new water ownership transparency bill? given this bill directly enables accountability where there currently is none.

5: Would ACCC consider a recommendation into limiting Australias water resources against foreign owned companies or individuals, to ensure resources and money stays in Australian hands?

6: Environmental flows and flooding... I'm sure it's safe to assume that environmental flow and flood planning was subject to and based on environmental facts and reports. Given the large amounts of deaths of both flora and fauna, and large water wastage from environmental flows and flooding. **Is the ACCC investigating the reliability of such environmental facts and reports from the MDBA or any other body responsible for water management?** keep in mind that all such facts and reports, should include "empirical evidence" and/or "peer reviewed studies". If there is a lack in either, than such reports or facts are easily subject to biased conclusions/information.

Those at the ACCC investigating this mess. I ask that you be apart of something HISTORICAL, be remembered for the great virtues you acted upon, for the sake of this great country. If found, I ask that you call out corruption where it lies whether it falls in the scope of the enquiry or not, for I fear there is corruption in this issue and its roots are deep and damaging to our democratic society.

Please do not turn a blind eye to corruption, or forever will the consequences be a reminder of your guilt. And will that guilt be a deafening silence that gets louder as you approach your last years on this planet.

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