

PETITION

SAVE NATIMUK LAKE

To the Honourable, the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives
assembled in Parliament;

The petition of certain citizens of Australia, particularly those residence in the Division of Wimmera/Mallee Victoria, points out to the House that Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water has proposed Natimuk Lake, 2.5km from the township of Natimuk, will not be required when the federal, state and locally funded Wimmera Mallee Pipeline is completed. The importance of environmental values has been recognised however; the GWM proposal fails to recognise the social value of safe recreational waters to inland country communities and families, especially those which don't have a town pool.

Your petitioners therefore request that the Federal Government ensures the Victorian State Government, GWM Water and other relevant authorities acknowledge the enormous social value of safe recreation water to country communities. Considering the huge community financial investment in the pipeline project to create water savings, we ask that permanent water be guaranteed for recreation purposes, in particular Natimuk Lake. This water must be allocated by the State Government as a community service obligation when the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline water savings are available.