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Hello,

I was born in this town of Griffith and am very proud to be a resident. Attending the recent MDBA meeting it is our first step in fighting this proposed plan. The water act needs to be changed to ensure our community along with many other communities will not only survive but continue to prosper. Our food bowl area and statistics clearly show that we supply a huge amount of produce for all of Australia to consume including wine, citrus, orange juice, rice, wheat livestock, chicken, vegetables and cotton to name most. We have invested billions into our infrastructure and have a vibrant town and surrounds. How could city folk survive if we were not to? The farmers are wonderful managers of 'their' water and will always strive to achieve better practices in place for the betterment of all. We cannot think of the environment alone! We have been through an extremely long drought and now the rivers are flowing. Sensibility has to be considered in all of this and a compromise should be sought. You as the water minister and other parliamentary members should take the time to make the necessary changes to the act. I believe the labour government has deceived the rural sector in not releasing this plan before the last election and we will be voting strongly in the upcoming state election to show our disgust if we are listened to.

This is my personal opinion.

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