



Hon. Austin Evans Member for Murray 228 Cressy Street Deniliquin NSW 2710 <u>murray@parliament.nsw.gov.au</u>

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Dear Austin,

As you are well aware people across the Murrumbidgee (6% allocation) and Murray (0% allocation) Valleys are extremely stressed.

While hay sources have been depleted across Eastern Australia, all farmers in the Murrumbidgee and Murray Valley's can do is watch water flow through to South Australia or sit idle in dams.

We call on you to provide our Federal Member Sussan Ley with support in her endeavour to secure a parcel of environmental water to help alleviate the pressures across Southern NSW and Northern Victoria.

Additionally, we have sent this letter to Minister Blair <u>Here</u> calling on OEH water which was acquired through voluntary contributions from landholders at the start of the century, again we call on you to act on our behalf to achieve this common sense approach to managing the drought.

Austin, we have had a numerous calls from desperate farmers including calls from some concerned about the mental health of neighbours. We need your help.

Warm Regards,

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