

Letters to the editor

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Everyone agrees water management's a priority Possibly for the first time you have all the politicians agreeing that water management is the number one priority for the government.

Millions have been spent over the last couple of years in fact-finding missions etc to work out what is the best way to handle this situation but still there is no action!

What is needed is representatives from all the political parties and independents to sit around the table and add at least two or more senior water management engineers, two or more senior scientists at the forefront of climate change and three or more farmers from the top echelon of the farmer groups.

Forget trying to score points from each other.

The politicians are elected to govern the country and water is the most important commodity needed for farmers and towns and cities running out of water.

We need to build dams and why can't the government look at more underground piping.

This issue needs action now not in another twelve months.

The federal government, after a resolution to a workable plan is made, need to work together with the respective state governments.

Action now not in another twelve months or longer.

Farmers are our lifeline in growing our food. Why import things that we grow well - use our own clean food.

The governments at all levels need to look into the future and realise if they don't do something now to help the farmers we will be battling to have enough farmers to grow our food under clean conditions.

Wake up governments and work with the people who have the best knowledge and know-how to come to an agreement of the way forward and do it now!

Ronda Lampe, Wagga Questions about irrigation entitlements When the Crown purchased General Security irrigation entitlements from producers, I assumed during a drought the water entitlement would receive the same percentage of water as a farmer would have received.

That is during this drought, a 200-megalitre water entitlement would, in practice, receive 0 megalitres of water.

However, it appears to me this is not the case.

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Somehow, when the Crown purchased a farmers water entitlement, the Crown managed to change the priority of that water right in such a way that during a drought, a 200-megalitre water entitlement allows the Crown to receive 200 megalitres of water.

To me, this is not equitable or right.

I believe if a farmer sold their water entitlement to the Crown, the Crown should receive the same water allocation that the farmer would have traditionally received.

It leaves me to wonder had water have been shared equitably between the Crown and producers in the 2018/2019 cropping season, would producers have had greater access water?

Let's face it going into the season the dams were 70 per cent full.

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