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My name is [REDACTED] and I am a member of Dubbo Field Naturalist and Conservation Society, Central West Environment Council, and Dubbo Environment Group.

I support the proposed vision in the draft NSW Water Strategy: "sustainable water resources for thriving people, places and ecosystems, both now and for future generations".

As the President of Dubbo Environment Group, I have kept a watchful eye on the what I consider, and what the 2020 ICAC report considers, to be dishonest management of our rivers in favour of irrigators for at least the last decade.

Our group has protested at the office of Dugald Saunders in February 2020, asking 11 questions relating to the unlicensed floodplain harvesting which occurred in the northern basin of NSW during that month. We were never given any answers.

Our group sent letters asking Melinda Pavey the same questions and we received a generalised political answer which did not address any of our concerns.

Living in Dubbo, and having first-hand knowledge of the devastation our Macquarie Marshes is suffering, the irresponsible disregard with which our Indigenous communities have been treated who live on the Darling and now, the continued plans of NSW to build more river-destroying dams and weirs, I feel nothing but contempt for the people who lead and manage our precious environment.

We need our trust restored. Our world cannot continue to give to corporate greed, ignoring the shameful fact that Australia leads the developed countries of the world in extinction rates and per-capita emissions.

I call on the NSW Government to use the NSW Water Strategy, and in all policy decisions, to give greater priority to the health of our rivers and wetlands.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on this Strategy.

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