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Mother Nature satisfies environmental requirements in eight weeks.

Mother Nature has satisfied many environmental requirements in approximately eight weeks, whilst on the contrary, human intervention has been summoned to correct the damage supposedly created by white man via over allocation. Millions of tax payer's dollars have been spent over the past three years buying back water entitlements that in fact generated little or zero allocation.

"The point Murrumbidgee Private Irrigators (MPII) is expressing here, is that post the release of the Murray Darling Basin draft Water Plan which will include the Sustainable Diversion Limit (SDL), extra time will be required to scrutinise figures being bandied around by the powers to be required to satisfy environmental needs." said Jennie Hehir, CEO Murrumbidgee Private Irrigators.

"MPII is not apposing the need to sustain recognised environmental sites, however we question the method in which the environmental watering will be allocated and measured.

We have witnessed over watering of environmental sites, or levels of flows being distributed down steams without satisfying specific requirements.

The consultation process with the MDBA has not allowed enough time for consideration of engineering solutions, therefore MPII request that the MDBA and the present Federal Government investigate environmental watering delivery and efficiency before signing off on any SDL.

If a more balanced approach is not adapted, the present powers to be will be held responsible for permanent damage to the environment, cause a massive decline in food production in this nation creating a flow on decimation of communities in the Murray Darling Basin." Mrs Hehir concluded.

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