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I have recently been made aware of the proposal of Water NSW and the Water Administration Ministerial Corporation (WAMC) to make significant price increases for the five years from 1 July 2025. I was not engaged in the process of this decision making and as a stakeholder am left with many questions regarding why. But, as with so many other externalities I as a farmer must face in my business, I don't get answers. And I am lucky if I am even consulted or informed of something like this that will impact me in a profound way. Then, at the busiest time of the year - while literally driving tractors and combines to harvest grain (to recoup costs and make a living) I need to waste my time to make a submission - to complain and explain. Complain about the bureaucratic decisions that are divorced from all reality and common sense. Explain that my business, and others, cannot absorb these sort of cost increases without contraction and a slide toward unviability. But I know this is a waste of my time because no one is listening. I AM SHOUTING INTO THE VOID. I know that I am truly only left with the necessity to pivot, adjust the sails, and deal with it. 'It' being one more weight on the shoulders of my business, my husband, my family. This government, your organisations, are killing Australian agriculture. You are compromising food security because you are attacking farming families. Families with generational knowledge and skills, grit and determination, passion and the ability to sacrifice. But one day, along the line, one generation says 'I've had enough' - of fighting and sacrificing in the face of policies that attack and undermine. Then there is one less family farm and one less family in the district. I have been in farming my whole life. I have witnessed the destruction of industries and communities in the wake of the Murray Darling Basin Plan. Living near the Murray River I have also witnessed the degradation of the River system under it's management. I understand regulators are in the business of regulating - it is ambiguous as to what or why. It is not a value-adding enterprise. But like all parasites, one day, they will eventually weaken and kill their host.