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Submission: The people of Broken Hill and along the pipeline should NEVER bear the capital and operating costs of the pipeline.

This pipeline was build without considering the social, environmental and financial impact on the people of the area.

There is no doubt that if the Darling river was managed differently, there would be water in the LDS and Menindee negating the need for this \$467m pipe.

This pipe allowed Government to continue to deny water to Menindee.

The people living on the LDS, Menindee or Sunset Strip deserve either water flows, or financial compensation..... just like Websters and Tandou.

Government should absorb all capital and operating costs of the pipe, people along the pipe and in Broken Hill should pay for consumption only.