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Submission: We are getting a pipeline we did not want. We already had a pipeline from Menindee to Broken Hill which could have been replaced much cheaper than the current pipeline being constructed. All that needed to happen was to let the water run in the river, not retain it for the cotton industry. Essential Water gets the water from Nature. It does not have to buy it. We are expected to. I know costs go in upkeep and maintenance, but surely Pensioners and people in drought areas should not be expected to pay exorbitant prices for something that is vital to human survival.

Also as we will be getting the water from the Murray River, it will be fresher without Cotton Chemicals, blue green algae etc, it will not take as much chemicals to make it potable, so therefore the costs will be reduced in that area of Essential Water expenses

Above is our submission, but we implore you to consider people on Pensions who are already facing exorbitant costs from many other commodities, vital to their survival.

Pensions can only stretch so far. We also have geographical isolation problems with Medical services that we also have to take into account.