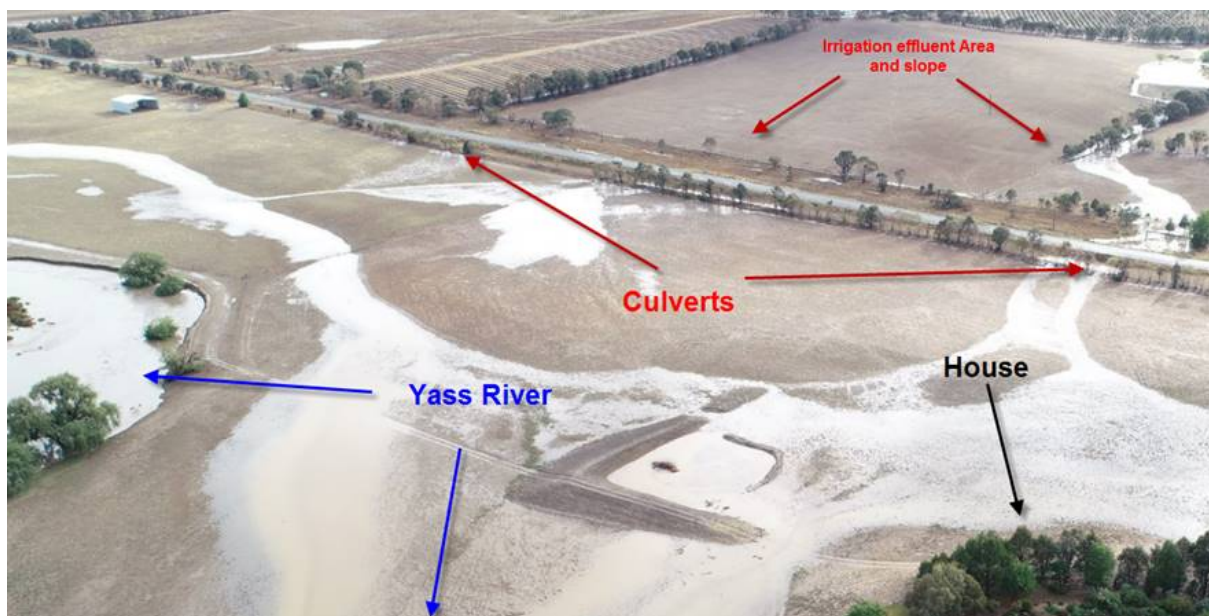


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Tuesday February 11th 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

My name is William Ryan and myself and my family operate under the name of Carstensz Properties, a farming operation on the Yass River for a number of kilometres directly below the Kyeema Water proposal.



I draw your attention to the recent photo of the proposed development site draining directly into the Yass River after the first rain event in the most severe drought we have ever experienced in the area in recorded history. It is a direct flow. Burying products of human waste under ground in any form ceased to become civilised behaviour in first world countries in the 20th century. Now in the 21st century Gundaroo and the Yass Council appear to think that this is acceptable. If you have ever tried to drink the water in Yass from a tap you will know from the smell even if the chemicals have made it safe it does not meet any first world standards. As the council deem it acceptable to drink Yass water in Yass we have had complaints from tenants in properties we have who have dogs that will not drink the water and we have had to supply rain water to meet a basic need.

The reason the council in Yass are not concerned about this, is as the long term solution for Yass will probably be to drink Canberra's treated sewerage which is processed to first world standards. You will at least be able to get past the smell as you put it to your mouth, more than can be said for Yass water at the moment.

Real estate subdivisions and development are done purely for profit and have little or no direct benefit to the local area. In this case the cheapest long term solution to water from contamination from human waste is a closed sewerage system. The fact that this is not being considered or insisted upon by the council means that any hope of recovering the multi million dollars of compensation is ludicrous. Ultimately the people responsible for the welfare of the area are the government and the council. A developer is there for the profit and the system will ultimately become the responsibility of the council and when the inevitable litigation comes it will be the council and the people of the area who will pay.

You have a chance to correct this outcome now.

William P Ryan



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