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To: Water Markets (DELWP)
Subject: Submission Goulburn to Murray Trade Rule

Dear Sir/Madam,

With the current restrictions due to the COVID 19 pandemic and the inability to have face to face public meetings it would be wrong to push through major changes to IVT rules.

Changes to rules/policies in the past have had major impacts on irrigators and the environment, not all of them good. The changes that are proposed will require extensive explanation to those that will be impacted upon, and as such will require comprehensive explanation, and rigorous debate, so that all understand the consequences of any changes.

It is clear that who authored the consultation paper has little to no knowledge of Broken Creek.

It is claimed that “about 150-300 ML/day can be delivered. This pathway allows some water to be delivered through the Goulburn IVT account via channels without impacting environmental assets and values in the Goulburn and Campaspe rivers.”

What about the environmental values of Broken Creek?

Sustained flows of more than 400 ML/day of IVT water were delivered down Broken Creek this summer, this has caused erosion, bank undercutting and trees to fall into the water way.

NIVC cannot support any major changes to the current Goulburn to Murray trade rule, until there is robust consultation and face to face public meetings. It is also important the IVT's in Broken Creek do not cause environmental damage.

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Chair

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