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Stubbs Report Confirms Basin Plan Affects All

The NSW Irrigators Council says the report released today by Judith Stubbs and Associates outlining the social and economic impacts of the removal of water entitlements in the Murray-Darling Basin will be a wakeup call to all Australians.

The report is available from the JSA website - <http://www.judithstubbs.com.au/>

Council Chief Executive Officer Andrew Gregson says the report highlights that all Australians will pay for foolhardy policy in the Basin.

“The report clearly shows that each and every Australian would be forced to pay for this policy. People in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and right across Australia will be forced to reach into their pockets, day after day, to pay for a policy that isn’t sensible.

“The report identifies that tens of thousands of jobs would be lost. These numbers are horrific and a clear damnation of a poor policy approach.

“The social impacts are equally as horrific, with those that are currently most disadvantaged being identified as the people to suffer most under brutal cuts.

“The impacts are not just confined to farmers. Local communities would be devastated, with some large towns likely to face extinction under some of these scenarios.

“Farms that have been in families for generations across Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia would be forced to close.

“Now – in the middle of an election – is the time for political parties to tell Australia whether they support tens of thousands of jobs, whether they want working families to pay more every day and whether they value family farms.”

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