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MI Director Candidate

Keep The Channels Clean!

More Water

Lower Costs



We here in the country love telling each other stories. There is an earthiness in the way we go about it, and if we're not fair dinkum everybody around here finds out, one way or another.

My Story

My stint began just in time for the Millenium Drought. I purchased Eric's block next door and of course signed up on the never-never for the Snowy Borrow. In my youthful exuberance not wanting to miss out, I followed the lead and the tune of the crowd and, together, we had meted out a hell decade of 'hard luck'. Working as hard as my old man made me feel like I was doing right, but in hindsight I figured if I'd done nothing at all through those times, I'd be further in front. That got me thinking.

I've always been willing to try different enterprises on our farm. The enterprise that has won through for me is walnuts, using precision surface irrigation. It's only six years since I started the journey with my wife Katherine and our six sons (and niece, nephew, and the boy's schoolmates), hand planting the first trees. Two years ago we finalized arrangements so other families are invested with us in our walnut business, now called Duxton Nuts. This year we produced commercial volumes, of exceptional quality, for our offtake partner, who otherwise imports the walnuts.

All this time I have produced broadacre crops and this year is the 20th I have share-farmed with my grandmother, Iris, on her farm, and we've missed only the one rice season. We have progressed, as means allowed, from the 1970's farm layout and have new fences through the place to run my sheep. I am grateful for this farm's lessons in patience and perseverance.

Some might suggest a double-degree in law with honors from the Australian National University is my ideal qualification to be a Director. Or my experience as a twenty-something working internationally in 'Change Management' with Arthur Andersen Consultants. To me these experiences are far behind and not so relevant to what now matters.

What MI need as Directors are people willing to listen to other people's stories and have the capacity to deliver outcomes that matter to us all.

Keep The Channels Clean!

Excavate or spray, at the right time. \$300million of automation is a farce if we don't control those weeds.

That means asking for what we want from regulators, reforming Work Practices and listening to landholders, to win the battle early, in all seasons.

More Water

More storage is how we get more water into the MIA. We have opportunity to build more enroute storage through our Valley. What it takes is will to address regulation and push past those who doubt the worth of investing in our irrigated future.

For two years I stewarded our 400ML on-farm dam at Yanco, from an idea to construction, with completion scheduled this month.

Imagine our MI Allocation Enhancement if we captured Supplementary Flows that've been heading past us for three months... 15%, maybe 20% on top of the GS Allocation? That's more water through MI meters, more production, more choices for us all.

Automation reaches 80% completion this year. More enroute storages are the next big goal.

Lower Costs

Half a million ML go through MI Regulators, sometimes double or more, annually. This holds a LOT of potential energy.

We know the country needs electricity and NSW government aims to establish 3 gigawatts of new hydro generation within the decade - 2million homes worth. Where? MI needs be front and centre! Why? Because our Water Bill reduces when others pay a royalty to generate power from MI water and infrastructure.

I take pride in my capacity to lead positive change, while steering a steady ship.

I ask your #1 Vote, to serve as MI Director.



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