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Submission: Dear Sir/Madam

The Broken Hill water supply has always been assured by the flows that have come down the Darling river into the Menindee Lake system which was originally put in place to safeguard the towns water supply during dry spells - however, this flow of water no longer comes down the river due to upstream irrigators being allowed to over extract the fresh flow, leaving the Menindee Lake system sadly and wrongly depleted.

Consequently the water we currently have coming through our pipes is so putrid smelling like a cross between sewage/rotting leaf litter and chlorine that it is unfit to drink, let alone cook with or shower in. It has affected my skin and the skin of my family with rashes and eczema, my grandchhn being bathed every second day to try and combat the drying affect of the water. I cannot understand how this water is supposed to be acceptable let alone pay for it.

The pipeline wouldnt have been needed, had the flows been reinstated further upstream, so it is adding insult to injury to expect the people of Broken Hill to pay more for water and sewerage.