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The Water Management Act 2000 specifies the priorities for water in NSW, as stated in the DPIE website:

“During normal operations, the highest priority for water sharing is the environment, followed by basic landholder rights (domestic and stock, Native Title and harvestable rights). During extreme events, such as prolonged droughts, the priority changes. Critical human water needs and essential town water services (authorised by an access licence) become the highest priority, followed by the environment. In the MurrayDarling Basin, the NSW Extreme Events Policy²¹ and regional incident response guides come into effect.”

If those priorities were followed, as laid down in the Act, the Darling River would not be in such a terrible state. The fact that it is in a disastrous state, proves that the authorities are acting illegally, including writing Water Sharing Plans that have created this disastrous situation. The NSW Water Strategy needs to reverse the past and present illegal actions of the NSW Government.

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