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NSW NATIONALS CALL FOR BASIN PLAN ROYAL COMMISSION

The NSW Nationals have renewed their calls for a Royal Commission into the Murray Darling Basin Plan and Authority confirming their support for a petition, which will be debated in NSW Parliament today.

Deputy Premier and Leader of the NSW Nationals John Barilaro and Minister for Water Melinda Pavey said the petition signed by concerned irrigators represents the undeniable need for greater transparency across the Murray Darling Basin.

“I have made it abundantly clear that when it comes to the Murray Darling Basin Plan our Basin communities need to come first – the plan needs to work for us, not the other way around,” Mr Barilaro said.

“Today I have met with some of these irrigators, who are at breaking point, and I confirmed that the NSW Nationals support the petition, to which they are signatories, and calls for a Royal Commission and National Water Register.”

Mrs Pavey said enough is enough and NSW has no more water to give.

“NSW has done a lot of the heavy lifting. With the support of local communities we will work towards delivering projects which enable good environmental, social and economic outcomes to be achieved,” Mrs Pavey said.

“We are concerned that key NSW environmental assets like the Barmah Choke are being run too hard and are in danger of irreversibility damaged if unrealistic timeframes and community concerns around programs like the Constraints Management Strategy aren’t taken into consideration.”

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