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Dear Minister Neville,

Today the Speak Up Campaign held a meeting in Cohuna Vic. The meeting was extremely well attended with a packed Cohuna Community Room taking the time out of their day to express their concerns about current water issues. Speak Up membership is continually growing as we strive to voice the concerns of those living with the impacts of what many perceive as poor water policy.

Today the meeting resolved that Speak Up write to you on behalf of those present and their Victorian members with the following resolution:

This meeting calls on political leaders to take all necessary steps to immediately provide water to

1. Save dairy farmers
2. Finish winter crops
3. Grow fodder for drought stricken farmers

The reduced reliability that has resulted from the implementation of the Basin Plan is having a devastating impact on family farms, who are the ones that care for and nurture their environment.

It is essential that we find a mechanism to ensure that water makes its way to those family farms who are under extreme duress; as we were told this morning, some are packing up as we speak.

There are numerous options to finding water which can be made available now and we call on you to stand up for regional food producers in Victoria to ensure their survival. To discuss options that could be considered please phone our Canberra adviser Tom Chesson on 0418 415 597, who has been looking into possible solutions on our behalf.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shelley Scoullar', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Shelley Scoullar