

Submission

Potential of Producers in one State to use a disaster in another State to increase the price of the product they sell to the state with the disaster area. This product is often produced using water which has been taken from the disaster area.

Banks seem to compound the problem for the farmers in the disaster area by increasing interest rates on their loans.

Taking advantage of disasters in this way is far from universal. Many people volunteer to clean up and rebuild in disaster area. Others donate stock feed and transport to help disaster areas.

It seems to me that governments should be careful with the wording of assistance to disaster affected farmers to minimize the use of water, and not make the assistance so restrictive that it cannot be used.

I live in the Murray-Darling Basin, but am not directly affected by water usage. I am only making this submission in case everyone else thing my concerns are so obvious, that the get overlooked.