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The Editor,
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Sir,

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Many years of environmentally unsustainable water extraction from NSW inland rivers including the Macquarie, Murrumbidgee, Lachlan, Gwydir and the iconic Darling has left their aquatic and riverine ecosystems sadly depleted.

Anticipated benefits of water buy-back will increase rejuvenation of stressed wetlands, rivers, forests, and increase native fish populations. Furthermore, viable wetlands will not only enhance biodiversity values and their essential ecosystem services, but also tourism values, with consequent benefits to a range of local communities.

Congratulations Mr Rudd and Minister Wong!

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