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Re: Water reform and other legislation amendment bill 2014

I am concerned that the proposed new section 6 of the Water Act may not result in responsible use of water. Given that 0.5 hectares is an exceedingly large garden for domestic purposes and the removal of the restriction on selling goods produced in the 'garden', it would appear the amendment to this section is to allow riparian owners to develop market gardens or to extend existing irrigated areas, but without any restrictions on how and when the water is taken. For example, waterholes can be completely drained and flows in the watercourse can be reduced, impacting on irrigators with authorisations to take water, graziers relying on the watercourse for stock use and water-dependent native flora and fauna. In some cases, there could be impacts on urban water supply for regional towns. In large catchments with large riparian properties it is unlikely to be an issue; however, in small, heavily developed catchments with relatively small riparian properties (therefore, a large number of potential 'domestic' water users), such as the Granite Belt or Gowrie and Oakey creeks, there could be significant impacts.

I believe it would be desirable to maintain the existing provisions for domestic use (i.e. 0.25 hectares and produce from the garden may not be bartered or sold).

Regards,

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