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PETITION RULES:

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The NSW Parliament requires that you:

- Fill in the three columns
- Write your first name and last name
- Provide your full address
- Provide your signature
- Write it in English
- Anyone under the age of 18 can sign if they understand the issue.

The petition needs more than 10,000 signatures before it can be tabled in NSW Parliament and debated. It will be tabled by Maitland MP Jenny Aitchison.

Thank you for your help.



Slow Food®
HUNTER VALLEY INC.

To the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

The Petition of the citizens of New South Wales brings to the attention of the House the food and biodiversity crisis that will unfold on farms along the Hunter and Paterson rivers, and Wallis Creek, if the government restricts farmers from irrigating their crops at certain times. These farms grow food and plants for communities as well as animal feed and they won't be able to stay afloat if the draft replacement water sharing plan for the Hunter Unregulated and Alluvial Water Source 2022 is approved. It would kill the Slow Food Earth Market Maitland - the first of its kind in Australia. It would shut down farms - everything from dairies and vegetables to beef, turf and lucerne. Generational farms would be lost and the resurgence of young farmers would end. It would ruin the agricultural vista residents enjoy and tourists come to see.

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