

kindest regards, Leanne Welsh

Let's all stand united as we fight against this push
To take our precious water to the city from the bush
We know what tough times are, we've had ten years of dreaded drought
Through no fault of our own, we know what dry times are all about!
Then we hear, just this year, that a pipeline's being planned
To take our greatest asset from Eildon to Thomson Dam
Just who will get the benefit of this elaborate scheme
Will we all be equal, or is this just a dream?

What about the businesses within our local towns?
Without the farmer's dollars, are they also going down!
Our Aussie Made primary products, that we've proudly produced ourselves
Will there be no choices, only foreign goods upon our shelves
And where will all the jobs go that used to be there before
If we take away water security, are we closing another country door?

What about our lakes and rivers and the wildlife they attract
Losing over 75 billion litres of water each year, are they also under
attack

And what about our farmers, proud generations on the land
Will there be a future with irrigation, or is dry land farming the grand
plan!

YES, we agree. Our irrigation channels are sadly in need of repair
But even with the upgrades, are the savings really there!
Or is this just a short term measure to top up Melbourne's dwindling supply?
And will they pump, all year round, and suck poor Eildon dry?

Back in the late '60's, the farmers made an impressive stance, or so I
understand.
Against Sir Henry Bolte's pipeline plan to take irrigation water from their
lands

So let's stand tall and united again as we continue with our push

To STOP this dreaded pipeline taking water from our bush.