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NSW Irrigators' Council says yes to Sydney Fireworks

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NSWIC CEO Luke Simpkins said that calls to cancel the Sydney New Year's Eve fireworks and donate the money are misguided. He said, "what our irrigation farmers need is water to grow food and fibre, and for every Australian to buy Australian fresh food, wool and cotton. We urge everyone to reject foreign grown food and clothing made from non-Australian grown wool and cotton."

The best way for Australians to help our farmers is to insist that all politicians ensure water policy is rebalanced. Policy must ensure that home grown food and fibre production (and our rural communities) get a fair go.

Every Australian knows the increasing costs of buying food. Today in Sydney even small iceberg lettuces attract a price of \$3.70 each. This is not just the impact of the worst drought in our recorded history, but reduced farm water access caused by water policy in Australia.

The Sydney NYE fireworks generates over \$100 million in economic activity in Sydney, stopping that income isn't going to end the drought, but Sydneysiders could help by buying Australian produce and helping to fix water policy. Australia needs a Better Plan by fixing every aspect of water policy.

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