

Brendan Barry

My name is Brendan Barry and I ask for your vote in the forthcoming Murray Irrigation shareholder director elections. I am a fourth generation farmer with land 20 km east of Deniliquin, where my family has been since the early 1960's irrigating with MIL water and groundwater.



I previously served on the MIL board between November 2023 and April 2024 and have a number of learnings from that time. I continue to believe that I hold a unique set of skills, knowledge and experiences that can greatly assist the MIL Board and company more broadly and it is for this reason that I have now nominated for the Board of MIL.

With almost two decades working in corporate agriculture, I have extensive knowledge of how companies need to operate in terms of strategy, finance and governance. I reported to the boards of two ASX listed companies for a period of over 15 years, and I also served on the boards of two organisations where significant change was affected by those boards, consequently, I know what a successful company looks like.

I have experience with irrigation water in multiple water sources and irrigation corporations across the Basin. I have been a member of various water committees over many years, learning how to have input and shape decision making. I hold numerous tertiary qualifications in agriculture, as well as finance, leadership, governance and management, including the Company Directors Course from the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

I believe that the future of MIL and its shareholders is linked to the value placed on Delivery Entitlements (DE). Currently MIL DE are viewed as a liability due to the ongoing cost and little benefit derived from them by the DE owner. In other irrigation corporations, DE are upfront and clearly listed as an asset of any farm sale, this is the critical importance that DE are seen to have in these other irrigation areas. This is the direction that MIL must move to ensure that membership of the company is enhanced and the value that MIL adds to our properties is recognised.

Based on my experience, I wish to offer my skills and knowledge to guide MIL at this critical time to ensure that opportunities are capitalised upon, while threats to the company are minimised. I believe that MIL needs to be set up for the coming decades, through careful financial management, clear direction from the Board and strong water policy.

It is on this basis that I ask for your vote. If you wish to discuss any of the matters in this statement or my nomination more broadly, please contact me on 0427 519 481, thank you.

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