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- ~~1~~ Consumer's tool is removed from broken displays (6)
~~2~~ One left in an awkward situation messed up (6)
~~3~~ Text received during regatta - one scrambled considerably (2,1,5,6)
 10 Intellectual people talk concisely (6)
~~11~~ Song about country party full of drunkards (8)
~~12~~ Large animal heard cry (4)
~~13~~ Complete leader of NSW people in great regime (10)
~~17~~ Auditor operating in the west wronged lover (10)
~~18~~ Beautiful woman cut off ring (4)
~~20~~ Get round restriction originally included in renewed licence (8)
~~22~~ Female bird and a male kept in pen (6)
~~24~~ Correction to falsified data's in good shape (2,3,2,1,6)
~~25~~ Fellow at the back nicks chunky chips (6)
~~26~~ Human resources in urban centre may be put out (6)

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- ~~2~~ Woeful piano isn't commonly used in live setting (9)
~~3~~ Waiters regularly eat extremely well (1,5)
~~4~~ Drink and drive before noon (4)
~~5~~ The sad are upset and ...? (4,1,4)
~~6~~ Going away, no doubt worried about university (8)
~~7~~ Large and small estates (5)
~~8~~ Waiters met rotten person responsible for delay (4-6)
~~9~~ Smooth uncle shifted close to the wind (10)
~~14~~ Duck lover, excited, notices swamps (9)
~~15~~ Section in store, yes, had own make-up (9)
~~16~~ One with lead, sound as a bell, is going ahead (8)
~~19~~ Older person is right behind reproduction of noise (6)
~~21~~ Social class is first to testify in lawsuit (5)
~~23~~ Trading centre is stylish after opening (4)

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