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Dear Sir

My name is Kevin Garland and I have sent this same Email to other politicians without any action on what I think is such a simple plan.

Part a. Of the plan is to establish a power plant at the convergence of the fresh and salt water along the Gregory river in the Gulf of Carpentaria. This power plant can be Solar, Wind, or a combination of both. This plant would in the dry season power a desalination plant and in the wet season nothing more than pumps. The resulting water is pumped underground into the Great Artesian Basin were it is left to flow south giving access to unlimited water for stock and irrigation for the vast areas of Western Queensland and Northern New South Wales.

Part b. With all the bores in the above area capped and only controlled irrigation and stock watering used the constant feed in from the pumps the pressure in the basin will again build to pre settlement levels. This will allow for the controlled release of water into such water causes as the cooper creek which will flow down to Lake Eyre and when Lake Eyre is full the Eastern States get good rains.

Part c. Water could also be released into the headwaters of the Warrego or the Paroo River systems and allow it to feed into the Darling system feeding right down and into the Coorong allowing irrigation all along the Darling and the lower Murray. This would also prime those other aquifers along the way.

Part d. Place a simular plant at the mouth of the snowy river and pump the water back up into the snowy mountains scheme and allow it to feed the Murray in the same way.

The costing of this plan does not leave farmers with land they cannot use and Towns lacking water or billions of dollars to be spent buying water rights which are bits of paper that in a drought mean nothing.

Something to think about

A simple plan perhaps too simple to be considered.

I submit it anyway

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