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Windsor's Water For the Future

- View this whole process as an opportunity to advance the development of Australia.
- Proposals in the past Bradfield, Bowring, Katter, Endersbee (Clarence scheme)
- Only take a percentage – say up to a **maximum** 20% from any one river or basin
- Dams – Enlarge Burdekin,
- Channel down to the Warrego or Nive
- Stage development of lining the channels and rivers to reduce losses
- Funds - stop the buyback scheme it is negative, anti-productive, punitive on those who don't receive it.
- Why divert water inland? Because the land is generally more fertile. The coastal land's have been subject to a lot more rain over a long, long time and have been leached of nutrients much more than the drier inland.
- Adopt a positive forward looking progressive approach. I believe this to be the case with Mr Windsor but don't know the rest of the committee.
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- Do not cut the heads off many towns and people in order to 'save' one smaller area at the confluence of the river (Murray mouth).
- Let those downstream have a bit more for a bit longer
- Do not take allocations from those existing and do not give additional allocations to those who already have them.
- Avoid on going dissension and fights by bringing in this extra water
- Maintain 'artificial' wetlands and migratory birds habitat by continuing with allocations in irrigation districts – MIA, Coleambally, Murray etc.
- Side benefits include additional ecological benefits such as frog breeding grounds (refer to article by Dr Jennifer Marohasy).
- Lower Lakes and Murray mouth have been modified for decades by weirs and barrages so why the concern all these decades later? If there is any damage it has already been done or nature has adapted to it.
- Six decades ago forward thinking produced the Snowy scheme
- Three decades ago saw the Ord scheme
- Its time for another