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re. Diversion Clarence River.

The river does not start at its aquatic edge. Water arrives therein carrying, these days most only silt since nature's fecund edging of trees, scrub, and swamp succumbed to agriculturalists' construct of feeding more cheaply. Cheap is to the politicians' vocabulary; avoidance of responsibility. Without comprehensive skill at most anything, yet our Pollies seek recognition as facilitators. Facile. Consider then the river as big investment evolved ecologically with which we all are in agreement. All respond in some concern for the billions who need be fed. Most hunger wherefrom the wild wonder of water has fled its natural ebullience, leaving sand in the wind where tree and forest had been led a struggle to survive. Quality is invested, whereas cheapness establishes repetition.

Weather patterns change by loss of forest, rivers change to loss of water. Siltation is loss of water holding capacity, is quick water. The longer water takes in seeking the lowest point, the more fertility and all-around good it allows. A silted-up river is a loss to man, civilization, and our home planet's health. Many marine creatures on which we feed, breed within confined waters of rivers. Rivers' edge is the most bio-productive place on planet. These same, healthy, rivers disgorge in times of flood, much nutritious bounty into the coastal sea, where fish respond to their birth rivers' familiar taste and can now negotiate the rivers' sometime blocked mouth. Should we praise fish as best food by despising their origin?

We may most benefit from our planet in good health, yet much squandering of such great resource shows us man as his own worst enemy. By sensible planning, investment, and of time we might repair such errors made so expediently by our adventurous forefathers. All our need needs us furthering our awareness, knowledge, broadening learning, education pertinent, and possibly pessimism turned around. Not theft of others' assets into a bigger ecological debt. A stitch in time saves nine - now is to engender mankind in a healthy nature. Bullying standover tactics are symptom of concepts broadening desert. Innovation is not engendered by the whip, it by involvement blooms.

I am yours sincerely, Peter A. Hanson.