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INQUIRY INTO THE WATER AMENDMENT. Nov 12. 2012.

I would firstly draw your attention to the constantly used expression, the “ailing river health of the rivers of the MDBasin”. This terminology cannot be substantiated when compared to unbiased assessments by qualified biologists who have studied the river system over years. The media with their presumptuous authority have hoodwinked the metropolitan public, And politicians of various persuasions to believe their nonsense. The “Wentworth group of, (so called), concerned scientists” wrongly drew up a “water Plan” favouring this nonsense in the middle of a very extended drought (10 years ).

Along with this is the dogged political refusal to return the South Australian lakes to their original estuarine condition by lifting the barrages and allowing the ocean tides to wash in and out and keep the lakes in a pristine condition.

Michael Taylor,( formerly MDBA ) a man of conscientious principle, said the weir should be built at Wellington to store the fresh water and this alone would save 2 million megalitres Of fresh water ,1 million to fill the lakes and 1 million to replace the water Evaporated every 12 months.

The water plan should be shelved until we can get practical, commonsense ideas to prevail as right now every drop of water is needed in the production of food to feed a hungry World as our Prime minister has said, “we could become the food bowl for the World”.

The other issue is that those that want water for environmental purposes have not, Will not, cannot, tell us where the water is to go and how much is to be allocated to Each environmental asset and as for “over bank flows” by using impossibly huge flows out of dams you wonder what intelligence these people have.

Please bring some rationality back into this whole water issue, humanity first along With care for the environment.

The Irrigation dams along with irrigation have increased reliable wet lands and the Amount of wildlife in the irrigation areas today has to be seen to be believed ! Also more dams are needed and there are places where they can be built and we presently catch only 2% of rain that falls on Australia.

Yours in sincerity,

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