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Dear John Williams,

As you can see we have shifted to the Riverwood Retirement Village, our address is as above, and our new phone No

What all governments have to think about is, if they cut off water for food production, and do not keep the farmers there, we and the World will starve. Most wars are fought over food or lack of it. I heard, the other day, that there is only enough food in the world for, 11 days, and the irrigation areas of Australia is the Food Bowl.

The world is over populated now, and is going to get worse, perhaps that is why we are getting so many boat people etc. Indigo Jones forecast a 10 year drought at the turn of the centurie, in the 1950's, my mother told me that there was a dreadful drought at the turn of the last centurie too. A drought is always broken by a big flood. Also read history, when Charles Sturt went down the Murray River in the 1900's, it was just a series of salty waterholes, and nature came back and thrived again. Remember we are the driest continent in the world.

The environmental flows will only ~~scold~~ scald the ~~country~~, because it is cold water, not warm like a flood, which is much warmer. The environmental flow will not get the

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germinate the seeds, because it is too cold.

If the gyms get their way and all the forest are made into National Parks, there will be more tree die than are now because there is not enough light to keep them all growing. When the N.P. are burned it burns everything including hollow trees which is necessary for birds to nest in and animal to hide and sleep in. I have seen all this with my own eyes, in 70 years of observation, not like the scientist who sit in their offices in the city, where they cannot observe anything, at all. I will tell you about an engineer in Lockhart, who more or less told a local he was mad, but he was proved right, in the end, but he had to nearly loose his home to prove it.

What would happen now if there were no dams on the Rivers? It would be like when I first when down the Murray. Indigo Jones also said that the rivers would stop flowing, they were kept flowing by using the water in the dams.

We cannot depend on China for food, because when they dammed, the 4 or 5 rivers, they put all their River Flats under water and the farmers to farmed ^{them} up on top of the hills in the towns. They have already lost one variety of fish and another is on the brink of extinction, the river is silted up too, etc.

Why do we have to import Apples from countries with all sorts of diseases. Why cannot we say that the countries who sell the diseases to us have to pay for cleaning it up, or else,

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tariff, that could be payed to the farmers to clean it up, ~~we~~ instead of the poor old farmer having to put up with the diseases that are imported, eg the horses. If it is FireBlight it will destroy our Apples and Pear Inoculatrees, plus it will atleast kill all our Wattles, what else? All they want to do is destroy our clean green image, do they not. I certainly will not buy imported Apples. Woolworth will not buy Peanuts from the Australian grower, but import them from China, we were told.

When I read on the labels, it says from Australian and imported things. Where are they imported from? Where? Where? Why? China had the milk that killed people & babies, etc., etc., etc. What else are we getting. I believe that fish is imported to New Zealand and ~~the~~ them sold to us as a New Zealand product. Why? Why? Can we stop this miss representation. Please, please, please help.

The only place I can be reasonably sure to an Australian product is at farmers market, ~~we~~ have found a butcher that only get Australian products. I do not trust super markets. I believe that bread is only cooked in Australia now, and made in other countries. I know we have had a ~~drought~~ drought, but we cannot even make bread now. Why? Why? Why cannot we do anything any more? Why?

Mrs

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