

Submission for Regional Water Strategies

We are very concerned with the science behind the information used to develop this strategy. The information used is based on human speculation, science should be based solely on knowledge.

At the meeting we attended in Lismore, one of the presenters admitted that the information that was used was based on the biased scenario and not the wettest nor the average, which then begs the question of bias in the information. IF the bias is out by even one degree in temperature, then over the 10000 years quoted, it will be multiplied exponentially and will give totally inaccurate information to work from. The information used to develop this strategy should have been based on known facts and evidence and not speculation.

The questions in the online submission appear to be leading ones. They were all based on a predetermined outcome with leading topic points given.

All Australian communities should have permanent water restrictions to mitigate future water shortages.

Irrigators should be monitored more closely in dry times in each stream, not based from the weir depth from local towns down stream past the junctions.

Irrigation should be confined to the property, OH&S issues on roads and hitting electricity wires.

Foreign ownership should not be allowed in any natural resources.

All fee simple freehold land should have the rights to the land, air, water and vegetation acknowledged.

Times have changed over the last 200 years, so traditional Aboriginal knowledge is less relevant now. Aboriginal communities should be limited in their involvement in water strategy decision making.

Nature has its own way of maintaining flora and fauna populations, droughts do a natural cull, water should be prioritised to farming communities at this time to feed the country.

Toonumbar Dam should be used for local consumption Kyogle LGA.

Industries should be encouraged to use recycled water when appropriate, though anything involving food consumption should be exempt from using recycled water.

Dams are easy to construct and easy to monitor water levels and quality and be the preferred water storage system.

We have been farming for a long time and are very aware that some years are hot and dry and some years are cold and wet and between the two that is what makes up the average. This is normal, this is what makes a climate, not climate change!

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