
Water reform consultation

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I would like to make a brief submission suggesting that much better use needs to be made of the rain that does fall.

I lived for several years in the Dallas/Forth Worth region of Texas, where the Trinity River divides into two branches, flowing through the centre of both towns. There used to be considerable trouble with flooding until a number of artificial lakes were created. These not only controlled the flooding but ensured water supply. Also, the evaporation from the standing water increased rainfall and encouraged vegetation. A pleasant side effect was a number of lakes for recreational use.

I also would like to see consultation with the Federal Government and the Queensland and Northern Territory Governments about using this method for better use of the monsoon rains. Again, artificial lakes and the benefit of evaporation and flood control is applicable. Also, controlled piping of the water held into existing river systems, such as the Murray Darling, could alleviate problems downstream.

I hope the informal nature of this submission will not cause the ideas contained to be dismissed.

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