
WATER REFORM

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I would ask the NSW Government to negotiate with the Federal Government and water authorities about buying water rights from Cubbie Station. The river system is being killed. Our children can't eat cotton.

"On August 19 2009, the Sydney Morning Herald ran an article – in the Federal Politics section – titled "Cubbie Station sums up Murray-Darling tragedy". It calls Cubbie Station a **case study in (water) overallocation**. The station has long been cast as the villain in the slow death of the Murray-Darling river system. At this time, the 93,000 hectare property was up for sale, and there was debate about the Commonwealth purchasing its water reserves, and is a reminder that the Murray-Darling story is an environmental and economic tragedy involving many villains. As the Federal Government is cautioning, buying these water entitlements is not a simple matter. This, in turn, reflects the failure of governments, irrigators and water authorities to establish nationally consistent rules for the Murray-Darling system."

Has anything changed? Yes, its got worse. Has the river flow improved? No by capturing so much water before it can get to the river system previously fertile land is now desolate.

Oh for a government that is not concerned what other people think, or how good they look and a government that will stand up and have the population realise Australia is 7.7 million square klms with a population of 25 million. Germany for instance is 357 thousand square klms, not millions of kms., with a population of 85 million. We can't keep up with the Joneses or the Schmidts. We had one small shot at decentralisation decades ago & gave up. Why aren't our newest people sent to rural destinations to boost population and available workers instead of piling more and more onto the coast.

I understand I don't know what I don't know. I just look at the dead land. I just listen as farmers commit suicide. I just read about the farmers who have lost everything & debts too high ever to be repaid so walk off the land and end up working in a factory or unemployed. I can drive to towns on rivers that are dying. I see all the multi story buildings that are turning into ghettos. Don't we even look at the UK who created ghettos and are now paying massive penalties. In a big country we have to spread the population. Bigger incentives to live outside the major cities. Build up the country regions.

Please, we have to manage our water. There is less and less water and cotton growth the size that Cubbie Station grows is despicable, disgusting and cruel.

