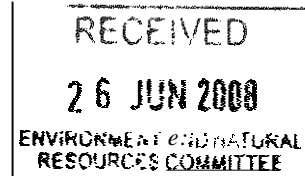


Ms Sheryl Allen



Please consider.

I would like to express my concern about any idea involving removal of Water from Australia's inland water drainage system and bringing it across the continental divide for the benefits of Melbourne. Australia is a desert continent and we are regularly being told of the issues with the Murray Darling basin. Inland Australia needs every bit of water which precipitates on the inland side of the divide and it supports a large area of Australia. STOP BUILDING THE PIPELINE FROM THE GOULBURN RIVER NOW. Melbourne is situated on the coastal fringe and gets far greater rainfall Melbourne needs to access this as a resource in the urban area. Currently storm water runs straight into the bay without being diverted for any use within the drainage basin. I recommend Melbourne consider managing this better - by tapping into the current stormwater networks, providing filtration bases and including this water into Melbourne's water use network. Alternatively facilitate providing individual storage facilities for households. Some local council laws currently prevent the storage of water by individual households. Change this. Through local councils more efficient stormwater management is already achievable. Whitehorse and Nillumbik shires have shown us that stormwater management can easily be modified to improve the management and use of Melbourne's future water supply at reasonable costs. (less than the construction of a pipeline bringing water across the continental divide) This uses the coastal rainfall which already falls, keeps the inland water where it is needed in its own drainage basin and is a more efficient way of using the water already provided to Melbourne through the rainfall water cycle.

Sheryl Allen