



Dear Committee,

I write in the hope, that someone/committee, will have the basic logic and common sense, to try and get through to the Premier/Ministers in relation to the management of "Natural Resources". With the construction of desalination plants around the great nation of Australia, Perth, Queensland, Adelaide, it scare's the hell out of me, that if the Wonthaggi plant were to go ahead, I would be swimming in a cocktail of chemicals and brine. Being a Breast Cancer survivor, having the treatment that I've had and continue to have, re-medication, my body has had enough. It also does'nt help my anxiety levels. As I have not seen or heard of a "guaranteed" study in relation to desal/plants, I can only, as a lay person, come to one conclusion, and that is, that it's not the natural thing to do, and it would be horrificly detrimental to the Marine Life and it's Food Chain. If Minister Madden think's it's just as easy to replace the "Seagrasses and Micro-organisms" of the Oceans, as it is to replace grass and meat pies at a football oval, he is grossly mistaken. Government's that are seen to resort to the 'LAST RESORT' FIRST, instead of visa versa, will certainly be seen to be bad "MANAGERS" and be totally held ACCOUNTABLE by the majority of population.

The list of six items listed in the paper's, eg.

1. water savings achieved by increased conservation and efficiency efforts.
2. the collection of storm water.
3. the re-use of treated waste water.
4. use of groundwater.
5. as I would prefer that know desal/plants were in operation, I would rather say the use of small locally based recycling plants.
6. any other optional water source which appears to the Committee to be appropriate.

If businesses of the future, that required huge amounts of water, Installed tanks and recycling plants, which long term would result in savings, hence eliminating drinking water consumption, that in itself, would result in a huge saving to our dams/storages. Current business should also be seen to be taking steps to do the same or create some sort of saving due to being the biggest users. Business's make money, retired persons, pensioners don't. It's time this great God given Country was given something back for all the Natural BEAUTY and PLEASURE it gives us. Eighty to Ninety percent of the Marine life found in Australian water's, can't be seen anywear else in the World, so WHY is the Government so hell bent on DESTROYING it ? For some, a swim/float in the PRISTINE water that surrounds this coast, is the only relief for a sore, tired body. It's too late for the other State's, please don't let this happen to the coast of Victoria. I worry greatly for THE

GREAT BARRIER REEF, and by the comment's in Parliament, so does the Government, setting up another Management Team to monitor it more closely. I can't afford a tank, I bought a rubbish bin, I'm trying so why can't everybody else, including all Government member's ? I thankyou for your time and pray that Premier Brumby can also see that it's not too late to change the wrong to a right, hence showing sensible LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT. NO-one forget's the MISTAKES!!

Yours Sincerely,

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