

Selection of points, addressed in this submission:

- The value of a catchment approach to the management of the environment;
- best practice methods of preventing, halting and reversing environmental degradation in catchments, and achieving environmental sustainability;
- the role of different levels of government, the private sector and the community in the management of catchment areas;
- planning, resourcing, implementation, co-ordination and co-operation in catchment management;

and

- mechanisms for monitoring, evaluation and reporting on catchment management programs, including the use of these reports for state of the environment reporting and opportunities for review and improvement.

SUBMISSION

Inquiry into Catchment Management

Subject Matter:

1. THE DETRIMENTAL IMPACT OF SEPTIC TANK EFFLUENT ON WATER CATCHMENT.
2. EXISTING AD-HOC, FRAGMENTED LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF SEPTIC TANK SYSTEMS IN VICTORIA.
3. AN EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT REGIME FOR SEPTIC TANK SYSEMS, TO PROTECT WATER CATCHMENT AND SUPPLIES FROM SEPTIC TANK EFFLUENT.
4. A NATIONALLY CONSISTENT FRAMWORK FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF SEPTIC TANK SYSTEMS.

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