



Total Catchment Management

Community And Government Working Together

Hastings Camden Haven Catchment Management Committee

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The Secretary
House of Representatives Standing Committee
on Environment and Heritage
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir,

Inquiry into catchment management - submission

Enclosed is a submission from the Hastings Camden Haven Catchment Management Committee, to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage inquiry into catchment management. **The submission was emailed on 30th July 1999.**

The CMC believes that the Total Catchment Management (TCM) program operating in New South Wales, through Catchment Management Committees (CMC's), is a unique and successful way of involving rural and urban communities in the management of natural resources, especially as they relate to rural and urban waterways.

Despite some difficulties with the statewide management of the TCM program, the CMC feels strongly that it is succeeding at the local, catchment level. It could be made to work even more effectively if adequately resourced. Commonwealth assistance in this area would benefit urban and rural waterways and water quality, and is recommended for your serious consideration as part of your inquiry.

The CMC would be pleased to provide further information to the inquiry, and would especially welcome opportunities to show you some of the achievements of the committee in our catchment. We would also be pleased to provide oral evidence in support of our submission, at one of your public hearings.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 0408 245 146, or our TCM Coordinator Roger Stanley on our letterhead address, about any aspect of our submission.

Yours sincerely

John Hinton
Chairman
30/7/99



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