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Kay Elson MP,
Federal Member for Forde,
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Dear Kay,

Secretary:

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P. O. BOX 33,
WONDAI. 4606.
DATE : 21-2-03

I had the pleasure of attending part of the segment of the "Federal Enquiry on Water", which was held in Boonah.

I know that Bette Noud had already sent you some indication of my work, so we were not strangers when Bette introduced us to one another.

The discussion seemed to be centred around what can we do to conserve our most precious resource, WATER.

The discussion has been on what is the fairest way to allocate the quantity we have available, amongst the ever increasing demands being made upon it.

Who has the greatest need? Is it the Townspeople, the Farmers, the Irrigators downstream?

Rather than try to allocate, what is after all, a very scarce resource, why do we not look to **increase the supply?**

There are millions of gallons, not litres, but gallons, flowing past Boonah, and other Country Towns, and past Cities, every day. Not visible, not able to be located by "Scientific Methods", but nevertheless, able to be found by certain very gifted people.,

This is "Underground Water". Not just streams, of which most "men on the land", have knowledge, either on their own property or on a neighbour's property, but Rivers, carrying, as Rivers do, **Millions of Gallons of Water.**

It can be brought to the surface, for far less money, than is involved in building new dams, the flow is permanent, it does not evaporate while it is underground, it does not cease flowing when a drought hits.

If you give a man a fish, he can eat for a day, if you give a man a fishing line he can eat.

What I am suggesting to the "Powers that Be", is that money would be well spent in increasing the supply of this very short commodity.

You may ridicule the idea, because as individuals, your advisors do not have the talent to "find it", you can reject the possibility out of hand, because you will not open your mind to possibilities, but until you provide the money to drill for this water, you will never be sure, that it is not available .

Australia is very short of surface water, but Nature has her own way of redressing the balance. In this hot dry climate, surface water quickly evaporates. Is it so surprising that Nature has provided a means of providing water which cannot evaporate?

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We have the technology to drill for this water, as many drillers could testify to, but for some reason, best known in the "Halls of Power", nobody seems willing to provide the money to drill for an endless supply of water.

So be it, but if anybody in Authority is ever willing to pursue Underground Water in a determined manner, the results will make the effort well worth while.

Thankyou for your attention,

Regards,

Keith.

SOME OF THE UNDERGROUND RIVERS OF AUSTRALIA.

Imagine we are departing on a journey around Australia, starting from Cairns. As we proceed on our way, the roads we are travelling on, will pass over many Underground Rivers.

<u>DEPARTURE</u>		<u>ARRIVAL</u>	<u>RIVERS.</u>
Cairns	to	Townsville	7
Townsville	to	Mackay	4
Mackay	to	Rockhampton	3
Rockhampton	to	Bundaberg	4
Bundaberg	to	Maryborough	3
Maryborough	to	Brisbane	4
Brisbane	to	Coolangatta	8
<u>Leaving Queensland</u>			
Coolangatta	to	Grafton	4
Grafton	to	Newcastle	4
Newcastle	to	Sydney	3
Sydney	to	Bega	3
<u>Leaving N.S.W.</u>			
Bega	to	Orbost	4
Orbost	to	Melbourne	7
Melbourne	to	Bordertown	5
<u>Leaving Victoria</u>			
Bordertown	to	Adelaide	2
Adelaide	to	Port Augusta	2
Port Augusta	to	Eucla	8
<u>Leaving South Australia</u>			
Eucla	to	Norseman	7
Norseman	to	Esperance	2
Esperance	to	Bunbury	2
Bunbury	to	Perth	2
Perth	to	Carnarvon	4
Carnarvon	to	Port Headland	2
Port Headland	to	Broome	2
Broome	to	Kunamurra	2
<u>Leaving Western Australia</u>			
Kunamurra	to	Katherine	2
Katherine	to	Darwin	2
Katherine	to	Alice Springs	6
Alice Springs	to	Kulgera	3
<u>Leaving Northern Territory</u>			
Kulgera	to	Port Augusta	3
TOTAL UNDERGROUND RIVERS CROSSED			129.

These are only the Underground Rivers we pass over on our trip. From these Rivers, many smaller Rivers branch off, and feed creeks, Upper Underground Streams and Basins, and Reservoirs.

They also feed what is called "The Great Artesian Basin". In fact, there are many Artesian Basins. Queensland 25 Basins, Northern Territory 5 Basins, South Australia 5 Basins, N.S.W. 2 Basins, Western Australia 3 Basins.

In addition there are hundreds of smaller Basins, and Reservoirs being fed by Underground Rivers and Streams, providing "Storage without Evaporation".

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