

Honourable Senators, I am pleased to have the opportunity of putting my 2 bobs worth to this enquiry.

I cannot understand why in this age that the decision to build this pipeline was made. There are many alternatives of harvesting water with out taking valuable water from a water reserve used for primary production. I am a firm believer in user pays and this decision is just allowing the same usage an no cost to Melbournians (at a cost to primary producers now and in future droughts). I have it on good authority that by recycling the water from the Gunnamatta out flow and the Werribee treatment plant Melbournians would have enough water for years. All water is recycled ALL OF IT so what's the big deal, rain after all is recycled water. The astronauts use all their waste water, London recycles its water many times. So why are the more efficient and cheaper means of harvesting water being over looked. I ask with the utmost respect what is the hidden agenda? Tanks, Duel pipelined in new estates. Harvesting all stormwater. How about only producing non potable water to all house holds and supply a filter for the small amount of potable water they use? Lower the access fees and double the price of water. Have all factories saving water with underground tanks. I have been rapping on and probably teaching my Grand Mother to suck eggs. but there appears to be no reason to go to the expense of laying this pipe when the answer is in Melbourne's back yard. I urge you honourable Senators to come to a sensible, bilateral series of workable cheaper and more efficient ways of harvesting water than the MG pipeline.

With great respect
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