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Don't know if this is regarded as a submission. When the enquiry gets to the solutions stage perhaps they could consider the pipeline connection of all dams and reservoirs Nationwide. Then as a dam reaches capacity it could be overflowed to the next dam. As that dam reaches capacity it can in turn be overflowed to the next dam and so on and so on all the way along the connection of dams. Eventually along the way the water has to get to a dam can receive a lot of water. For example at the time of the recent floods in Queensland, Warragamba Dam in Sydney was at 75% and could have received a lot of water. Even when Warragamba dam had reached capacity it would then commence its process of overflow. The final destination for the overflow link could be Lake Eyre and other lake or river systems. The system could be utilised any time rainfall in any one area allowed for an overflow. The country would be water sufficient Nationwide. Farmers and Rural Industry would have ample for irrigation Nationwide. Many of the dead or dying waterways and rivers would be revived. Some dams would geographically allow for a gravity feed of the overflow, the others just pump. Hydro power stations could be operated along the connecting pipelines. I'm sure any obstacles or problems with the plan could be negotiated and the cost would be Federal, State and Water Company funded as all would benefit. Nobody loses any money and it would be the common sharing of a much needed natural resource. I realise the plan is ambitious but greater constructions have been engineered in the past. Importantly the scheme may avert another disastrous flood.

Just a thought.

Regards,

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