

ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS/SUGGESTIONS BY G.W. WOOD
(WITNESS AT QFCI HEARING MAREBOROUGH 12-10-2011)
Re:- ANNUAL RAINFALL/FLOOD RECORDING SYSTEMS etc

IT APPEARS THAT THE METHOD OF RECORDING ANNUAL RAINFALL/FLOOD RECORDINGS PRESENTLY USED IS BY WAY OF USE OF A NORMAL CALENDAR YEAR (JANUARY TO DECEMBER) FOR B.O.M. FOR THIS STATE.

I BRING IT TO THE ATTENTION OF QFCI THAT AUSTRALIAN TOP END PASTORAL COMPANY HOLDINGS ESTABLISHED BY THE NAMES OF DURACK, LORD VESTY, KIDMAN, etc IN THE NINETEENTH (19) CENTURY OPERATED ON WET SEASON RECORDING SYSTEM FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL YEAR OF THE "WET" WHICH IN EFFECT IS A FINANCIAL YEAR CALENDAR YEAR (JULY TO JUNE).

THIS SYSTEM (FINANCIAL YEAR CALENDAR RECORDING) BETTER IDENTIFIES THE ANNUAL RECORDING SYSTEM OF RAINFALL/STREAM FLOWS etc AS THE YEAR STARTS IN THE WINTER DRY - PROGRESSES THROUGH THE SUMMER STORM & MONSOON SEASON - TO AN AUTUMN DRY END OF YEAR AND BECOMES A VALUABLE RECORD ON AN ONGOING ANNUAL BASIS ON A ONE (1) PAGE FORMAT.

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THE CALENDAR YEAR SYSTEM (JANUARY TO DECEMBER) IS CONSIDERED TO BE FAR LESS ACCURATE AT A QUICK GLANCE AS IT COMMENCES HALF WAY THROUGH THE SUMMER WET SEASON (SECOND HALF OF PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR WET) AND IT FINISHES HALF WAY THROUGH THE CURRENT CALENDAR WET (FIRST HALF OF CALENDAR WET FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR). IN EFFECT YOU NEED TO HAVE ACCESS TO TWO (2) CALENDAR YEARS RECORDS TO GET THE SAME INFORMATION AS SUPPLIED ON THE STAND ALONE FINANCIAL YEAR CALENDAR RECORD AS COMPARED/MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY.

AS QUEENSLAND'S MAIN RAINFALLS OCCUR IN THE SUMMER WET SEASON I BELIEVE THE FINANCIAL YEAR CALENDAR SYSTEM DISPLAYS GREATER ACCURACY PROJECTIONS THAN THE NORMAL CALENDAR SYSTEM NOW IN USE

LATE CORRESPONDENCE FORWARDED FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

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