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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

I note that the terms of reference include preparedness for future draught events. This must include increase in the supply of water to the western river system as well as increase in the efficiency of water usage.

The transfer of water from the Clarence catchment to the northern rivers in NSW has long been studied and considered by eminent politicians and engineers. A similar quantity to that provided from the Snowy scheme could be provided with far less engineering work required. I have attached a report prepared by AWAC for the recent Legislative Council Committee report into regional and rural water needs,, to which I had input, which outlines the proposal.

To date this project has been considered too politically difficult for any state government to attempt but the present draught shows the need for the present government to bite the bullet and commence studies with a view to implementing a scheme with vast benefits for the wider community rather than present vested interests . I believe this can be achieved without detriment to the present users of the river flows and which can have a significant mitigating effect on the flood flows in the river.

kind regards,
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Note: Please find a link [here](#) about the Supplementary submission from The Australian Water Exploration Corporation's to the Legislative Council's inquiry into Water Augmentation.

