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**INQUIRY INTO ADEQUACY OF WATER STORAGES IN
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- Dams have detrimental impact on rivers – both physical and biological, by altering the rivers natural flow thus effecting ecosystems, which can led to the extinction of many fish and other aquatic species, the disappearance of birds in floodplains and huge losses of forest, wetland and farmland.
- Permanent 'water wise' rules through out most Australian cities and surveys around the country have shown that low-level water restrictions have very high levels of community support, making dams unnecessary.
- Large infrastructure projects such as dams can inflict a large financial burden on water rates payers.