

## **INQUIRY INTO SKILLS SHORTAGES IN RURAL AND REGIONAL NSW**

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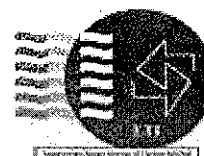
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**Inquiry into Skills Shortages in Rural and  
 Regional NSW  
 Call for Submissions**

The Standing Committee  
 State Development

Dear Committee

It is a thankless and painful job seeking solutions to what is becoming a compounding condition to the State and nation.

As I drive to the country NSW (at most end of week returning early week) I observe the decline in activity, and the closures progressively increasing. So the question arises why. The underlying cause, effect, and indeed solution is that, the baseline assets of state and nation are severely eroded, hence, the source of flow-on activity funding needed to sustain labour and extend a sustainable future is drying up. In short, the soil in this drought prone land has lost moisture and sustaining carbon "the baseline to support farming". (Carbon is life's building block). Dozens of bandaids tried and failed treating symptoms. What is needed is bold brave big visionaries starting at the goal. .

Banks directly indirectly own properties. To get skill shortages back "to the bush" we need to make the backbone of our quality food supply the, soil, water, vegetation, and atmosphere secure and sustainable, and, back in farmers hands.

With great respect anything short of total asset water soil vegetation atmospheric reparation is moving the deck chairs.

So my few cents worth is, develop an irresistible plan where there will ultimately be a labour short fall. How?

You may look at Google engine add vincin/salinity/drought/fire/water/emission trading/senate/state inquiries and at the risk of pushing, many bottom line conclusion vincin is highlighted. Of course the States and Common Wealth seldom follow through, lack of funds, lack of drive, change of Minister/government, another inquiry in 10 years will start again.

To address any issue is, where, when, how much funding is available to do the job. Waiting for budget for rural regional aid, is not where the votes are. Where is the money? Kyoto! When? Now! How Much? Say a minimum of \$100 billion. Truly, why will it go to rural regional NSW. One, the land needs to rebuild its soil carbon base, re vegetate, create once more transpiration, build the herds/flocks.

As the only Australian to have sat on UNCTAD Kyoto policy forum travelling the world deserts on behalf of Maurice Strong Earth Council (look him up Google) I have seen the future for NSW and Australia. You will ask, but if the PM will not Ratify Kyoto how can we get such funding smarty. (See Google vincin 1997 lead delegation of scientists to convince Howard to sign Kyoto). I'm currently working on the Treasurer on the fact that, our exports will now face embargoes / discounts applied by ratified nations.

Under the simple Kyoto rules a State Premier can, and should Ratify. Under the Constitution of the COMMON WEALTH of Australia and treaties grants such power to Premiers and States. If the State wants monies for infrastructure its there for the taking. Its easy!

Premier Carr seems to have lost his way of recent times, but, if he was to see the cash returns under certain UN guidelines not only will the above cash flow, it will not cost the State one penny to water and drought-proof NSW and see a return to the bush. Such cash flows will actually aid the infrastructure rebuilding. In fact, the income re generates. "The Carr millennium programme"!

Under Kyoto the principal goal is to lower global CO2. While there are several possible ways to achieve such, the best and most secure process is bio-sequestration via a very specific range of vegetation (not trees or geosequestration) taking CO2 and converting it into soil carbon and oxygen. This array of vegetation is also, drought-proof (sustainable fodder), reverses salinity, and, crops can be grown between the rows of this vegetation and/or graze livestock. The income is so great it will fund pipelines from the north to recharge aquifers for the farmer and fill city dams. (All of this demanding serious long term labour).

The point being, sustain the farmer through all seasons year after year, they generate income and spend. They need, services, supplies, labour. Country born folk would stay with family, move into an array of industries, build businesses so long as the baseline generator is secure. Fix the underlying decay of the baseline water-soil-vegetation-atmosphere the farm (NSW/AUSTRALIA) is secure. Take this on you can also supply FOC

emission offsets (emission reductions) to State Energy generators and low to zero offsets to exporters ( if we don't ratify Kyoto embargoes /discounts by buyers will be on exporters and, 80% of national income comes from export). We need to rebuild the baseline!  
Anything short of addressing cause and implementing baseline reparation is just moving the deck chairs (as we indeed sink).

This nation today need bold, brave, leadership, setting and achieving asset reparation for the "historians of tomorrow". Retric and ego are currently in abundance. In reality its not hard, there are many models globally showing, rebuilding baselines flows to demands for labour building wealth.

If you are interested in the figures facts data and or a full presentation please call

Wishing you well in your noble endeavour  
I am without prejudice

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(1) The Missing Sink scientific paper (R.Vincin, R Condon OAM 2001) a study of 700 papers from world wide Universities on the function of C3 and C4 carbon pathway. Vincin Keynote speaker Former MPs Association Canberra May 2005. See more on Vincin Google national and Europe and other search engines

(2) Vincin was former secretary to Prime Minister Howard's electoral office leading the scientific delegation to convince him to sign Kyoto1997. Vincin member UNCTAD emissiontrading forum 1997-2000 toured most world deserts including desert tour with UNCCD and UNFCCC. Member Standard Aust carbon trading. Founder of Yass River Valley re-vegetation programme. Spoke at UN NY on its 40 th birthday to 65 NGO

(3) The only true assets of the planet we pass to the generations to come are, **soil-water-vegetation-air**. Carbon is the lifeblood of soil, sustained by vegetation and water to convert CO<sub>2</sub> into, soil carbon, and, return air to the atmosphere. C4 sequestration is the only process to reverse CO<sub>2</sub> build-up. CO<sub>2</sub> expands unabated! Trees are C3 and take carbon from the soil most of their life and once harvested all that carbon leaves also.

The following visual is at a seed production plantation with Vincin and an international guest the plantation is C4 vegetation. C4 vegetation sinks CO<sub>2</sub>

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