INQUIRY INTO RATIONALE FOR, AND IMPACTS OF, NEW DAMS AND OTHER WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IN NSW

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> To understand water does – is to better understand our world, and what Life is. Every living thing on Earth, has water in it, if not, it is not living.

Water is the blood of the earth, take it away and the streams, creeks and rivers die, along with everything in them.

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Water is part of Earth's Habitat and does <u>not</u> belong to people, and definitely not to governments or the banks!

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Australia's large dams are largely full of private property, not publicly shared life-giving water.

When the fires subside and our world is filled, with smouldering embers and things that have died in the flames, we will realise, it was, and still is, all about what we do with water.

To have allowed capitalism and the banks to control the hydrodynamics of our Habitat in Australia will likely be recognised as one of mankind's greatest mistakes ever.

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The delicate balance of natural ecosystems must be protected by law, to preserve THE RIGHTS OF NATURE and biodiversity, to balance, continue and flourish.

Dams remove water from the ecosystem. Large dams and pipes are causing a drying out of our world, resulting biodiversity losses and bushfires.

Consider very carefully, the legacy you leave behind for your grandchildren and all the other living creatures of Planet Earth.

Sincerely – Mark Merritt