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

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Dams do not - i repeat NOT - increase the net amount of water available in total. They simply trap in one area some of the water that would otherwise have flowed on to elsewhere. This may well be of benefit to those who live in the area with the dam but it is at the expense of those who would otherwise have received said water.

So please - no more dams! It would be far more sensible in fact to tackle Australia's lack of water at its source by helping farmers who currently grow such water guzzling crops as rice and cotton to transition to other sources of income - on or off the land. To ever have allowed such crops to be sown in the driest continent on Earth was madness in the first place.