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Hello,

I wanted to do the online survey but failed as I have a background that is part of me and my family and the questions were outside of my and our experience to be able to comment on.

I am a country person now living in the city and alarmed at how more water is required for metropolitan people when there could be an abundance if usage was better respected in its use. I see so much wastage and when I talk to people about it their reply is usually, why not ...

It is tragic for someone like me to see the value of water not respected.

For new-comers who came to the country years ago, Water-Wise Workshops used to be held – maybe they still are. They taught people about water usage, they taught people how to analyse handfuls of soil and determine moisture content and a whole range of other things. How to analyse well and bore water. My property was one where people came to see how things grew from the ground with little, often next to no water.

We are alarmed that your proposals suggest charging people extra to have more water when conserving water should be the best option.

And many of us remain disappointed that Mr Bradfield's proposal 100 years ago to divert water from rainfall in the north to where it could be made use of has never happened.

I hope this helps.

Thank you.  
Allan Porter