

Submission from Chris Edwards

I worked as Shire Engineer at Wentworth between 1986 and 2003. In that time I observed the politics of water allocations and water licensing.

Nowadays the wider community is concerned at the diversion of the river waters whereby the diverters appear unaccountable for diversions in terms of quantity and timing of extractions.

Nowadays satellite technology is available to monitor in real time when and how much water is being extracted .

Monitoring of pump on and off and meter flows should be recorded in real time and controlled from a central water distribution centre. Penalties should apply if irrigators disregard instructions from the central control room.

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