

With regard to water recycling in Canberra it would seem that any use of recycled water from sewerage is both unnecessary and not proven totally safe from accidents (I've read about several plants in foreign countries which have had raw sewerage leak and contamination "accidents").

Our own Canberra Hospital Director of Infectious Diseases and Microbiology Professor Peter Collignon, MB BS(Hons), BSc(Med), FASM, FRACP, FRCPA Professor, Australian National University Medical School, is against recycled water from sewerage as he says there's a danger diseases can not be totally screened out. If someone who's in the field of curing people from contagious diseases is against recycled drinking water that should be enough for any government group or body to not go ahead with recycling. There would be very few more qualified or truly independent people on a group considering recycled drinking water.

Canberra has the purest water of most Australian cities, we are at the beginning of the water journey downstream, we have had our dams overflowing for months due to the drought breaking some time ago, our new houses all have water tanks fitted due to the high cost of water supply from ACTEW, we have the Cotter Dam enlargement occurring, we have constant enforced water restrictions even during 100 percent dam storage capacity.

The only thing Canberra might need in the future (when a drought period and perhaps an unrestricted forest fire occurs) is another dam. Perhaps the abandoned Tennant Dam construction could now go ahead? If that dam had been built when it was originally scheduled to be completed it would have filled up this year.

So my submission is a) build another dam as it WILL fill up b) don't put our lives and health in danger by recycling sewerage water for drinking and c) have some common sense please.

Yours sincerely

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