The Australian Wild Camel and its rural future with the Aboriginal people of Australia.



Have you heard of the camel cull that is taking place in central Australia..?

You may say camel cull and Aboriginals, what's the link...!!

60% plus of all the feral camels run on Aboriginal lands in Australia.

For years the aboriginal people have sought to find an industry that would suit their needs, expertise and social interests and the camel industry meets this and far far more.

Now this is being taken from them by a small group of people from Ninti One who have not long ago secured 19 million dollars to deal with the so called camel problem.

In actual fact we don't have a problem, rather **we have a gift** that if dealt with in the correct manner would give the people on the lands a great industry, something they desperately need.

Here are just a few interesting facts:

70% of Australia's land mass is classed arid...the camel is the perfect arid animal that can be wild harvested and develop into another domesticated animal, why aren't we farming or harvesting them..?

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We have at present 40 million cattle, 100 million sheep, goodness knows how many donkeys pigs cats and goats and allegedly 1 million camels, in the big picture this number is **Nothing.**

The environmental impact these animals have on the land and the carbon problem compared to Cattle and Sheep is just not an issue, yet from the 1^{st} July 2012 a carbon price has been placed on their head. Junk Science at its best..

My web page has received over 800 separate enquires from 35 countries in the previous 24 months looking for a whole range of camel products. Yet again and again I hear people say there is no market.

Are we missing something or has Ninti One through its very clever political manipulation pulled the wool over our eyes to secure this 19 million dollars to prop up their desk top operations and pay themselves large consultancy fees to produce absolutely nothing.

When Ninti One & Desert Knowledge were pushing for the funding to eradicate with the gun some 650,000 camels, I believe they thought no one would care or even notice for that matter, after all the camels roamed the "Out of site.. Out of mind" areas of this country and they saw this as a good way to secure funding to run their organisation.

The science for these very expensive reports is not based on credible information, but scare tactics being the order of the day. Cut and paste and pure hype. A great example of this was...A three thousand Kilometer dust storm that blanketed the entire east coast of Australia was blamed on the wild camel problem by the CEO of Desert Knowledge.... what a simply ridiculous statement..

The reality is there is no way in the world they will be able to shoot that many camels and if they don't, there is no way in the world they will reduce the camel numbers....but do we really need to reduce the numbers, or do we just need to manage the camel issue with common sense and logic.. Even increase the numbers..!!



Culling has been carried out and the outcome of this was not good.. Botulism, wild Fox and Dingo numbers exploding, flies, disease and smell, this left unchecked could have a major effect on the cattle industry and people's health.

If there is a camel problem and as I say I don't believe there is, the only way to fix it is through the development of a commercial outcome, it is viable and it is possible and world demand for product is certainly there. The money they have been allocated, **plus more** should be redirected into the development of the commercialisation of the Australian camel industry, in which aboriginal people could play a major role.

What they are doing is morally wrong and an absurd waste of money and resources, world food supply problems and starving millions does not even seem to register in the thinking. Secret camel meetings, people having to sign confidently clauses if they attend, what are they achieving, what are they hiding..?? At present Ninti One are spending on an average, close to \$400 per animal to shoot it and let it rot on the ground, yet as an export meat animal it is worth \$1,200,... live substantially more.

Once again the Aboriginal communities and common sense, are going to get spat out into oblivion, all because of greed and a lack of vision.

One of the leading vets on camel science in the world, Dr. Alex Tinson calls the camel "The Animal of the 21st Century". Because of their huge potential in world food security......



Should these animals be shot and left to rot on the ground when the world is starving...???