



*The following is to all Logical passionate and civilised human beings*

*The aboriginal people have been subtly fed untruths regarding this camel problem and what is about to happen will have a very dramatic impact on their society, the environment and how people live in this remote area of Australia. A 38 million dollar cull of this resource will result in these remote communities losing at least 100million dollars in direct income, it will be a missed opportunity, an opportunity to create another great rural industry and a business that suits the way of life in remote Australia.*

*The camel is an incredible resource for the planet," says veterinarian Alex Tinson, director of the Scientific Centre for Racing Camels in the United Arab Emirates. He adds that camels are ideally placed to become "the new livestock animal" as countries such as Australia become hotter and drier with global warming. That's so, Dr. Tinson said, because drought-adapted camels are highly resistant to disease, and produce lean milk and meat loaded with vitamins, minerals and disease-fighting compounds. Meanwhile, camel racing in the UAE and Qatar alone is worth \$1-billion (U.S.) a year.*

*Source: The Australian*

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/worldnews/article-1209608/Cull-worlds-wild-herd-camels-begins-Australias-Outback.html> this is an article on line

*I believe the government has also been told a lot of untruths for all the very wrong sneaky and sleazy reason and under no circumstances can it ethically and morally let this cull take place. The cull is a huge drain on tax payers money, completely wasted and with the added tag of a very large negative social and environmental impact.*

*This is looming as one of the worst horror shows in Australia's history. There is absolutely no need to do this cull; there is a logical commercial industry answer.*

*The main organisation pushing for this cull is Desert Knowledge, an organisation based in Alice Springs, they produce wonderful expensive amount of desk top books, papers and reports, and they have now produced the 'ultimate bible' a very one sided view of what they believe should be seen as a rural problem.."The Camel"*

*This publication is called the "Cross –jurisdictional management of feral camels to protect NRM and cultural values".*

*Over a period of time some 1 million dollars was spent producing this publication, It's an appalling publication littered with mistakes, inaccuracies, unproven assumptions and a*

*whole lot of double talk, pages of irrelevant information which has no bearing whatsoever on the camel, The report is it is totally focused on justifying the cull, barely giving lip service to any alternatives such as the development of a commercial industry.*

*They did demonstrate their lateral thinking when they unbelievably seriously discussed the use of the "Camel Pox" as a possible way of reducing camel numbers. Now that's a charming idea for a slow death, we will look into that a bit later.*

*Desert Knowledge now are asking for 19 million dollars equally matched by the states to start a major \$38 million cull control program to stop these alleged problem animals.*

*That's a few million dollars on the shooters burning up fuel flying around the desert, yes they will spend a few dollars and have a wonderful time and yes they will kill a few animals, but they won't really make a dint on the population.*

*Quite simply, If 38 million dollars was spent on just flying around in helicopters shooting camels till the 38 mill ran out, you would definitely not reduce the herd by half...so in 8 years time do we spend 38 mill again...and again..!*

*But really how much of this 38 mill makes it to the coal face of the cull... the actual kill, I would be surprised if much at all...after all Desert Knowledge is an expensive place to run and I believe desperately needs the cash.*

*So what this is really about is getting money to prop up an institution that produces paper work and a lot of hot air, is that what we want, or do we want employment and industry with vision and leadership..*

*Invest in the people on the ground and the industry in the field, not a desk top publishing system that hides behind false science and scare mongering.*

*The camels are not a problem, the blind ignorance of the authors of this document and their purist belief that the camel, as an introduced species and should not exist in Australia, this problem is an easy problem to fix, divert the money away from the cull and redirect it to the development of a very viable rural industry.*

*Educate, case manage, provide moral support and assistance to improve facilities.. It's not that big a job, just a change in direction and a commitment to see the whole picture and provide a long term solution.*

*It's a lot better than the dead end result of a bullet in the head and disease seeping across the lands from rotting carcasses, this will also cause wild dog numbers get out of control, and release huge amounts of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere*

*The Chairman of the Carbon Sense Coalition, Mr Viv Forbes, claimed that the plan by Australian PM Rudd to cull one million camels may have unexpected carbon tax consequences.*

*Forbes explains: "A big camel probably weighs about a tonne, so Mr Rudd is going to let a million tonnes of valuable meat rot under the Centralian sun.....Each camel probably has about 190 kg of*

carbon sequestered in its body. As it rots and absorbs oxygen, this carbon will increase into about 700 kg of carbon dioxide which will then dissipate into the atmosphere.

Source - <http://www.carbonoffsetsdaily.com/news-channels/australasia/concern-on-carbon-costs-of-camel-cull-10624.htm>

*We are an arid land why on earth don't we farm an arid animal.*

*Just in meat sales alone a loss of half a billion export dollars and hundreds if not thousands of jobs, would result if they shoot 650,000 animals.*

*100 million dollars direct income to the Aboriginal lands...LOST The income would be a lot more for a longer time if we harvest continually.*

*Diseases on the ground from the cull will be horrific.. Who holds responsibility here..?? Who pays.. and who deals with the wild dog population explosion that will result.*

*What happens in 10 years time when it doubles again, another 40 million dollars and another round of killing one so called feral animal to feed another feral animal.*

*These animals can be feral harvested and farmed alongside cattle or does DK have some other eradication programs in mind.. After all the purist belief is for kangaroos and emus only, maybe cattle are next in the gun scope for DK*

*The theory that camel numbers double every 8 to 10 years is just that, a theory, a theory based on absolutely no science whatsoever, using the DK's theory given that 5,000 camels were originally brought to Australia we should now have 5 million plus..?*

*Each camel has an export value FOB of at least AUD\$1,200 live or in a box...that's a lot of export dollars lost every year, not a bad tax revenue either.*

*DK say there are 50,000 camels in the Simpson Desert.. I have travelled extensively in this area having walked across the desert 6 times and driven around the region for over 30 years, this figure is absolutely wrong ...and that is only the start of their miss truths and blatant lies.*

*Jan Ferguson of Desert Knowledge when interviewed on national television blamed the recent dust storms that engulfed Sydney on the camels, now I know people are gullible and the 7.30 report would never tell a lie, but that one's a bit hard to swallow, with outrageous statements like that on the public record the credibility of DK must be questioned. What science does Jan Ferguson have to support statements such as this?*

*There may be a million camels in Australia if we're lucky, but there are 23 million cattle and 90 million sheep and we live with them and they earn a lot of people a lot of money, we can live with the camel, we can harvest and farm them as a great rural animal, it is an animal well suited for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Century and the dry vast Continent of Australia.*

*I have worked with camels and people off the lands and in the deserts for 35 years now, we as a group of likeminded concerned people are not going to stand by and let this happen, there are far too many terrible negative results to come from such a cull, when quite simply the problem can be fixed and a vibrant new industry developed with just a little lateral thinking.*

*We urge common sense to prevail, a calm outcome is always preferable and best for all concerned.*

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