



Alice Hub 30,000GL/yr · buybacks stopped · Murray-Darling restored · town water secured · Bradfield Scheme finally built

30K GL

Per year north→south
Alice Hub gravity-fed

550m

Alice Hub elevation
Gravity delivers free

3.4%

Northern water captured
Rest runs into the sea

DAY 1

Buybacks moratorium
Independent review

THE PROBLEM — THE NORTH FLOODS, THE SOUTH DRIES, NOBODY CONNECTS THEM

THE NORTH FLOODS — UNUSED

Australia's monsoon north receives hundreds of billions of litres every wet season. Less than 3.4% is captured. The rest flows into the Timor Sea within days. Meanwhile the Murray-Darling is

BUYBACKS DESTROY FARMING

Since 1997, irrigation water use in NSW and Victoria has been cut over 40% through Commonwealth buybacks. Entitlements bought by institutional investors and foreign funds — held

TOWNS WITHOUT WATER SECURITY

During the 2019–20 drought, water carting was required for multiple inland towns. Tamworth, Armidale, Goulburn, Broken Hill — all faced critical supply issues. 23 communities are

THE MMP SOLUTION — NEW WATER BY ADDITION — NOT RATIONING

THE ALICE HUB — THE BRADFIELD SCHEME BUILT

John Bradfield proposed diverting northern rivers south in 1938. The engineering was correct. What made it uneconomic was pumping cost. SBC corridor solar at 6c/kWh makes pumping cost negligible. Surplus corridor solar pumps northern monsoon water to the MacDonnell Ranges at 550m elevation. Gravity feeds it south — free —

30,000GL/YR — NEW WATER, NEVER TAKEN FROM A FARMER

The Murray-Darling has 11,000GL of managed annual flow. The SBC Alice Hub adds nearly 3x the entire Murray-Darling system from northern capture — without touching a single existing allocation. Every gigalitre delivered south is water that was never in the system before. The water wars end by addition. Buybacks become

GRAVITY DISTRIBUTION — FREE PHYSICS

Once water reaches 550m at Alice Springs, gravity delivers it south for free. Alice Springs to Coober Pedy to Port Augusta: 1,500km of gravity flow at zero pumping cost. Tap-off connections every 100km to corridor towns, irrigation districts, and the Murray-Darling system. The pipe is 1m diameter in Phase 0 and upgrades to full aqueduct in Phase 1.

BUYBACKS STOPPED DAY 1

A moratorium on Commonwealth water buybacks is declared on Day 1. No further purchases from the southern Murray-Darling Basin until an independent audit confirms environmental targets are being met by existing environmental water holdings. The Commonwealth currently holds 2,100GL of environmental water — account for it before buying more.

TOWN WATER SECURITY — EVERY COMMUNITY

Every corridor town receives a spur connection to the water conduit. Every community within 50km of a corridor has access to pressurised, clean, reliable water supply. For towns currently dependent on bore water, rainwater tanks, or vulnerable surface catchments — the corridor pipe is the backup supply that secures them

MURRAY-DARLING RESTORED

Alice Hub water delivered south to the Murrumbidgee at Wagga and the Murray at Wentworth. Irrigation districts across the Riverina receive new water at bulk infrastructure cost — estimated \$50–100/ML vs \$300–500/ML current market price. The farms that feed Australia's cities get the water the buyback war has denied them. Food production expands. The basin recovers.

ALICE HUB PHES — WATER AND ENERGY

The Alice Hub is simultaneously Australia's water system and its largest energy storage facility. 40GW pumped hydro generation. 16,000GL stored at 550m. Average stored energy: 30,886GWh. 32 days full discharge. At \$1.33/kWh installed vs Snowy 2.0's \$34/kWh equivalent. The dam that balances the national grid and delivers the water.

DROUGHT-PROOFING — 16,000GL STRATEGIC RESERVE

16,000GL stored at 550m elevation provides 32 days of full discharge. In drought years, the Alice Hub releases stored water south as a strategic reserve. No single drought can exhaust 16,000GL. Town water supplies connected to the corridor are protected. Irrigation districts have a drought buffer that has never existed before. Australia's food

6.7 MILLION NEW HECTARES

With reliable water delivered inland, 6.7 million hectares of currently unproductive agricultural land becomes viable. Dark cracking clay soils. Red loam plains. The same soils that produce Australia's best yields in wet years — now with year-round water security via the corridor conduit. Asia faces structural food insecurity for 50 years. Australia has the land, the soils, and now the

WATER MARKET REFORM — FARMERS FIRST

Water entitlements attached to land and productive use. Cannot be purchased by non-farming entities. Cannot be held dormant. Foreign ownership of Australian water entitlements prohibited. A Farmer Water Advocate established — independent, reporting directly to Parliament, with power to intervene in buyback

INDEPENDENT ALLOCATION AUDIT — YEAR 1

The Murray-Darling Basin Authority is given the governance power its mandate requires. An independent allocation audit published in Year 1. All past buybacks audited and published in full. Environmental water delivered as legislated — no political override. Water carted to towns during drought is a national failure. It ends.

FEEDING ASIA — THE EXPORT OPPORTUNITY

Australia has the land, the soils, the proximity, and — with the SBC — the water. Asia faces structural food insecurity for the next 50 years. Australian agricultural output with full water security could reach \$120–150B/yr. The corridor freight tracks carry the produce to port at 3–5c/tonne/km. Australia becomes Asia's food bowl. Water

CURRENT WATER CRISIS vs MMP WATER SECURITY — THE CHOICE

CURRENT — SCARCITY & RATIONING	MMP — ABUNDANCE BY ADDITION
30,000GL northern monsoon water runs to sea each wet season. Unused.	Alice Hub captures northern water, stores at 550m, gravity-feeds south year-round.
Murray-Darling: 40%+ cut in irrigation use since 1997. Buybacks ongoing.	Buybacks stopped Day 1. Moratorium declared. Independent audit published Year 1.
Less than 3.4% of northern monsoon rainfall is captured.	Three northern capture corridors: Darwin, Gulf of Carpentaria, Kimberley.
23 communities currently on water restrictions. Towns carted water in 2019–20.	Every corridor town: spur connection to water conduit. Secure supply permanently.
Murray-Darling managed flow: ~11,000GL/yr. Under increasing climate stress.	Alice Hub adds 30,000GL/yr new water — nearly 3x the entire Murray-Darling system.
Irrigation water entitlements: \$300–500/ML. Many farmers cannot afford allocation.	Alice Hub water at bulk infrastructure cost: estimated \$50–100/ML. Murray restored.
6.7M ha of fertile inland soil unproductive for lack of reliable water.	6.7M ha of dark cracking clay and red loam comes into production with corridor water.
Foreign funds and institutional investors hold dormant water entitlements.	Water entitlements attached to land. No dormant holding. No foreign ownership.
Snowy 2.0: \$2B → \$20B+. 350GWh. No water component. Still incomplete.	Alice Hub: \$1.33/kWh installed. 30,886GWh. 30,000GL/yr water. Done right.
Asia faces food insecurity. Australia cannot supply without water + freight.	Alice Hub water + SBC freight corridor = Australia as Asia's food bowl.

"30,000 gigalitres per year from the monsoon north, stored at 550 metres, gravity-fed south to the farms that feed Australia. The Bradfield Scheme, finally built. Buybacks stopped. 6.7 million new hectares in production. The water wars, permanently over." — MMP Federal Platform

★ VOTE 1 — BRETT MURRELL — FARRER — SATURDAY 9 MAY 2026 ★

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