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Dear Gavan,

Your study of the Great Barrier Reef, further down previous contact, could you kindly accept the following as a formal submission on behalf of myself and family and as a past member of the Marani Land Care Group.

I apologise for it being written with 'a thumbnail dipped in tar', but I don't have an option at present.

Our submission is in the form of a summary supported by information already sent viz:

- Publication 'Keyline comment', with article by my Dad, Frank Sweet.
- Information Sheets (3) 'Grass Shock'.
- Letter 'Outback to the Coast' (J.W.S.)
- Article 'Unique Water', which demonstrates in Nature (Monaro) the basic science of remineralization, resulting in longevity of Livestock, and People.

- Letter 19th instant J.W.S. to Productivity C'mission
- Book - 'Bread from Stones' (Julius Hensel) with inscription (JSW)
- Video - Keyline at Rugby Run 1950-88
- Video – Practical results of using ALROG for improved soil health and production (incl. Mirani Land Care Cane Trial)

Plus

detailed typed submission to the Queensland Government Water Infrastructure Task Force, 1996, re Keyline.

To follow shortly.

Submission Summary.

We suggest the following measures be implemented urgently, as a matter of National Importance, along the East Coast of Australia to improve water quality of run off to the Pacific Ocean and in particular to protect the Great Barrier Reef from further degradation, caused by nutriments, sediment and general pollution.

1. Application of P.A. Yeoman's Keyline Plan in total ie in full to Rural and Urban Landscapes.

The Keyline Plan is detailed in a number of Books,

Written by Mr. Yeomans. The two principal ones are:

‘Water for Every Farm using the Keyline Plan’

I.S.B.N. 090932 529 4 and

‘The City Forest’

I.S.B.N. 0959957804

2. Use Remineralization (in general ground basalt and granite) in Agriculture and Urban Parks and Gardens, instead of Chemical Fertilizers and Chemical Pesticides and Herbicides, these should be slowly phased out in 10 years and the investment and employment of these Industries must be redirected (with substantial incentives by Government) into sustainable development of Inland Australia. eg Proposed Railway, Solar Wind, Hydro, Magnetic Energy, Water Desalination, On Farm Water Storage, Re-planting of Mixed Forests on over cleared Land, using Keyline as a Blueprint for maximum production.
3. Use and further Research into Biological Soil Enhancers for Nitrogen

Fixation and disease control. Increase research into biological pest and disease control for short term use, while chemicals are being phased out.

4. Research, trial and demonstrate all forms of eco-friendly sustainable development in Rural and Urban Landscapes and then translate this into world wide action, this would have long term benefits for the Great Barrier Reef.

Thank you for the opportunity to present these facts to your Commission. I will forward copies of this submission to Leaders of all Political Parties and other interested people, in due course.

I remain,

Yours in Good Faith

(signature)

John Wentworth Sweet