

## THE WATER FOOTPRINT NETWORK

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The Water Footprint Network.

Known as The Water Footprint Network, a new “footprint” organisation is becoming the “in vogue” interventionist organisation.

More than twenty conferences have been held in the Western world since 2002 and more are planned over the Western world this year.

Apparently we are to be introduced to the “water footprint” we have personally and as a nation.

A book on the subject and dozens of papers are available. Obviously the object of the exercise is not production and storage of fresh water supplies, but control of the population’s use of that water.

Here are some figures to make you feel guilty about your water “footprint”

- The production of one kilogram of beef requires 16 thousand litres of water.
- To produce one cup of coffee we need 140 litres of water.
- The water footprint of China is about 700 cubic meters per year per capita. Only about 7% of the Chinese water footprint falls outside China.
- Japan with a footprint of 1150 cubic meters per year per capita, has about 65% of its total water footprint outside the borders of the country.
- The USA water footprint is 2500 cubic meter per year per capita.

Lying virtually idle four fifths of Australia’s water and agricultural resources exist on and or north of the Tropic of Capricorn. Green interventionists do not permit Australians to take advantage of these vast resources.

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