

# A GLOBAL PETITION TO TRANSFORM SEWAGE INTO TREES



***"Planting and helping grow increasing quantities of appropriate trees, is the scientific solution to Earth's environmental dilemma".***

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Ocean and river sewage outfalls represent a major threat to natural aquatic ecosystems and create a potential human health hazard. Through the regional treatment of sewage effluent using the world's best practice methods, and recycling this to irrigate and fertilise sustainable timber plantations, would help create: employment; increase biomass; absorb CO<sub>2</sub>; reduce pollution; help mitigate climate change; begin to reverse global warming; and produce tangible common wealth for present and future generations.

There is an urgent need to stop the waste of materials that have potential to be transformed into valuable resources for community advancement and world improvement.

***Therefore we respectfully ask every government to legislate for:***

- \* putting an end to the unnecessary practice of wasting primary treated sewage effluent, and instead, use this resource in sensible, ecologically resourceful and productive ways;
- \* using the World's Best Practice in ecologically sustainable development, planting and helping grow increasing quantities of appropriate trees in all appropriate places;
- \* fertilising and irrigating sustainable timber plantations wherever possible with treated effluent, in a similar way to the successful Chinese forestry model of inter-cropping fast growing trees;
- \* implementing strategies to transport treated sewage to suitable arid tree growing areas, either by back-loading via empty coal trucks, tunnelling and/or installing pipes along railway lines and pumping by using solar and other renewable energy sources;
- \* progressively transferring technological expertise, funding and resources from national military service sectors to help implement these sustainable objectives, and to motivate the international community to follow the example.

Please participate in this global thought-seeding campaign by petitioning and networking your local, state and national political leaders.

We ask you to print this page and write a friendly, positive supportive letter on the reverse side to give or send to your local politicians.

If you are able to help by starting an online Petition to network this proposal globally, that would be awesome. Thank you

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