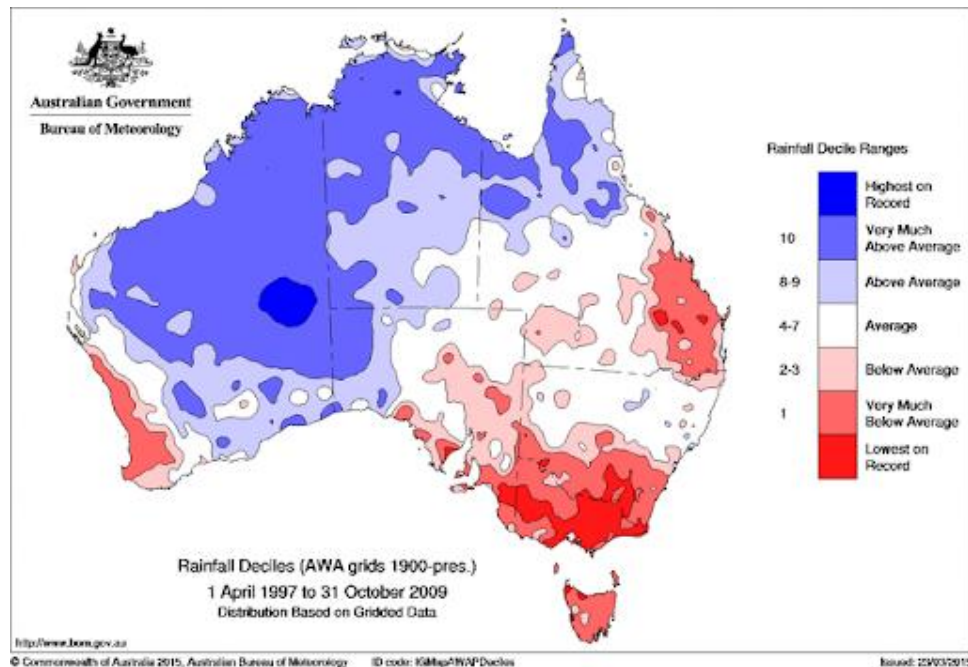


Research one area that has been affected by a water shortage, and write an informative essay describing how people are responding to this shortage.



The Millenium Drought

The 2000's drought also known as the millennium drought is known as one of the most devastating and horrible droughts since European settlement. The drought mostly affected the southern part of Australia, its largest cities and its largest agricultural regions. First, it started off with low rainfall in late 1996 through 1997, but it didn't stop there; it worsened through specifically the dry years 2001 and 2002. By 2003 it was recognized as the worst drought registered on record.

This devastating drought occurred, because large parts of Australia were not getting much rainfall and not much water was flowing into the rivers so that led to a water shortage. Adelaide's water supply was going down and it was threatened, so pipelines were built to deliver clean drinking water to Lower Lake communities to sustain valuable horticultural industries.

In many Australian cities very strict water restrictions were adopted so that they don't lose more water. State governments tried to undertake many projects to supply water to places in Australia that didn't have much water. "In Toowoomba, residents voted down a plan to add recycled sewage to the water supply."

An efficient Basin Plan will make sure that the environmental needs of the basin's rivers, wetlands and floodplains are protected, while still sustaining food production and communities throughout the basin.

South Australia worked hard to ensure a basin plan that delivered fresh and healthy River Murray for productive and environmental use. "We are working hard with our basin states, the Australian Government and the Murray-Darling Basin Authority to implant the plan."



