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### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This letter is to advise that I have on many occasions served as an observer over the past five years in regard to weather modification deployments by a company called AQUIESS International, headed up by Mr David Miles.

During my Parliamentary career of the past 15 years, I have taken a particular interest in weather modification activities around the world. Most of this has been associated with the more conventional science of cloud seeding, but I am curious as to the particular technology promoted by AQUIESS and other companies.

My agreement to observe deployments is not so much as an endorsement of the technology as such, but more out of an optimistic hope that they might well be on to something that could see a major benefit to my dry, arid continent, Australia. The most recent deployment was in regard to the delivery of rainfall on the recent tragic Victorian bushfires.

Advice was received by email on 16 February, 2009 that AQUIESS was developing a deployment of their technology to deliver rainfall and that I should maintain observation of public access Bureau of Meteorology weather predictions. This I watched with interest over the next few weeks. On 7 March 2009, AQUIESS provided a report by email on the targeting result and confirmed by SMS text message to which I responded: "thanks David, are all the fires out?" and was advised the deployment would continue until all the fires were extinguished. This was undertaken and a delivery of soaking rain over several days occurred between 15 & 18 March, 2009.

Whilst the cynics might all say well it was going to happen anyway, I believe it is time this technology was given the benefit of the doubt. This is not the first time I have observed a target result by AQUIESS postulated many days out before the event and in defiance of forecasts at the time.

It is time now for some scientific credibility to be provided to AQUIESS. The circumstances for the southern half of the Australian continent (and particularly the Murray Darling Basin) are absolutely quite dire today. Unless the catchments of the Hume and Dartmouth Dams receive above average autumn and winter rains this year, Victorian irrigators are facing zero allocations and there is even concern for the supply of water for critical human needs.

The community needs to know once and for all whether the technology promoted by AQUIESS has scientific credibility or not and the only way to achieve this is for a credibly observed scientific observation and critical review of the technology advocated. It is so serious it is time for the scientific community to step out of its box of conventional knowledge and take a chance that someone may have discovered a unique system to stimulate precipitation.

I believe the circumstances are so dire in my country that such a scientific undertaking is vital as an act of urgency.

Yours faithfully

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