

resource for agriculture. These diverse characteristics now come into potential conflict. Debates about how best to manage the Condamine basin, however, have been an integral part of its European history. Government policy makers of the late nineteenth century wrestled with the optimum size and use of *land* holdings to meet the goal of *economically* sustainable farms. In the twenty-first century political debates look likely to revolve around the optimum size and use of *water* entitlements to guarantee *ecologically* and *financially* sustainable agriculture.

Like the generations who lived along its banks and streams pre- and post-European arrival, we need a way forward that will preserve the resource while guaranteeing social and economic security. Such a goal may seem idealistic but the Condamine River has been a place of dreaming and romantic visions throughout its human history. For the sake of the river and the communities who live within its catchment, we need a new vision for the twenty-first century that melds economic and ecological criteria with much older values of community and aesthetic enjoyment.

notes

Introducing the Condamine and its oral history

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