



# The Dumby Award

2008

The Judges are pleased to announce that the third round of the Dumby Award has this week been won by the CEO of Yarra Valley Water, Mr. Tony Kelly.

The Award is in recognition of Mr. Kelly's inability to determine the time taken to complete an EES. Mr. Kelly stated on radio 3AW on 27th July 08, in relation to damming the Mitchell River, that building a dam would take between 15 to 20 years because an EES would have to be done which would "take a long time - years".

This claim is in total contradiction to the one year allocated by the Victorian Government for the EES for the Wonthaggi desalination plant.

While the Judges do not wish to imply that another dam is the best or only solution to our water supply, they respectfully point out that Mr. Kelly and the Government cannot both be right.

Clearly Mr. Kelly has not caught up with the Brumby Government's ability to complete an EES in one year, regardless of the fact that long term environmental trends often take several years particularly when no baseline data exists.

The Judges were of the opinion that this glaring contradiction highlighted a massive inconsistency in Victorian Government water management policy and have declared Mr. Kelly a worthy winner of the third Dumby Award.

