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Another Delay for Milk River Feasibility Study

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The latest news that we have heard is that we should not expect any news about the Milk River Basin Preliminary Feasibility Study until September. The study, which was originally due in June 2003, was completed in December 2003 and given to the Environment Minister in January 2004, and the public announcement was to be late spring 2004. We have heard unofficially that government is planning to invest another \$200,000 this year and \$400,000 next year in continuing the study of storage options in the basin.

We asked John Donner, Assistant Deputy Minister, if he could tell us what the benefit-cost ratio was in the final report that came out in December 2003, so we could see if the numbers had changed from the October 2003 draft (see *WLA* April 2004). He told us that he had not seen the report and that even if he had, he would not be able to tell us. Why all the secrecy?

