



***A REFLECTION***

**SALTWATCH WEEK  
11-17TH MAY**

Saltwatch is an environmental monitoring program that helps communities better understand the salinity problem. Saltwatch began in 1987 and is now Australia's longest running community water monitoring program.

During Saltwatch Week schools and community groups can learn about the effects of salinity on water quality in their local catchment by collecting local water sources and testing with a salinity meter to determine salt content.

Information and resources are available from the Saltwatch Web Site: <http://www.saltwatch.org.au/saltwatch/info.htm>

*Sacred Spirit of the Waters,*

*The dry and damaged river system is flanked by dead and dying trees.*

*Salinity threatens to destroy the land, which has turned a sickly yellow.*

*The salt pan reveals the damage caused by our careless use of your gift of water.*

*We grieve for the loss of crystal clear waters.*

*We regret our part in the destruction of this ecosystem.*

*We commit to more conscious, careful and reverent use of water.*

Painting by Philip Costigan