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Posted by Henry - 2009/09/10 12:42

Birdsville ... scorching hot in summer, bitterly cold in winter heh heh Terms like 'scorching' and 'bitterly' are of course relative. From the Wikipedia entry for Queensland: W: The highest maximum temperature observed in the state is W: 49.5 °C (121.1 °F) at Birdsville on 24 December 1972. W: The lowest minimum temperature is -11.0 °C (12.2 °F) at W: Stanthorpe on 4 July 1895. You'll get no argument from me that 49 C isn't hot. On the other hand, you Aussies obviously haven't a clue what real cold is. Far from being 'bitter', -11 C is not enough for millions of people in the world to even put on our long underwear! :-) cheers, Henry

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Australia?

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Any other question ? Yes. Well, in my opinion, the US is just getting too populated. California and Florida for example. It's all turning into traffic, crowds, and expense, much like New Jersey. I'm wondering if the same thing is happening there.

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Posted by Alan S - 2009/09/10 12:42

Any chance for a population explosion in the top northern quarter of Australia? Only in the camels and donkeys. Although it is starting to get a bit crowded around Cairns and Townsville. Cheers, Alan, Australia.

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Posted by kerry - 2009/09/10 12:42

Any chance for a population explosion in the top northern quarter of Australia? Australia's immigration intake now stands at around 140,000 a year. But there are plans to up this level to 250,000 in the near future. One of Australia's largest cities is Adelaide, with a pop. of just over 1 million. So, every 4 years we'll get a population increase to fill a city the size of Adelaide. Maybe most of the immigrants will decide to live in the north and build a new city every 4 years? Don't hold your breath, most of the immigrants will arrive in Sydney or Melbourne, and that's where they'll stay.

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