

## INQUIRY INTO FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING

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Floodplain harvesting should not be made legal due to its effects on the health of the environment and the people along the river catchment. It is not sustainable and each dam along the river greatly reduces the end catch causing long lasting damage to the environment. There are parallels to that of many other water regulatory issues globally like the issues seen in the contamination of the Chesapeake Bay in the United States by states like Pennsylvania dumping waste into the rivers that feed into the bay even though they do not border the bay themselves. The benefactors of floodplain harvesting receive all the benefits of water capture while leaving those down river with little to no water. This is a regulatory issue that needs to be addressed and made illegal.