

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING

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Robert Bosch President West Darling Fishing Club Fishcare Volunteer NSW DPIE I have been part of this Club since the Start in 2004 and President for over ten years.

I have Fished the Darling River for over 65 years and the change in the River Ecology has Degraded remarkably.

There was a time when I kept a cup in my boat to take a drink from the River,I Certainly would not do that Today.

The amount of Chemicals that Irrigators use to grow Cotton and are flushed into the River is a disgrace.

The Amount of WATER that is extracted from the River for Irrigation has reached a point where it is at Detriment to the HEATH of the RIVER.

Let's not forget the Fish Kill in the Darling River at Menindee 2019.

The extraction of Water has gone to Far .

The Murray Darling Basin CAP set in 1994 has been Totally Ignored.

Please refer to Summary at Slattery and Johnson FPWH.

This one factor alone has put the Environment,the People,Indigenous or other and Crops down stream in Jeopardy.

The WDFC was formed not only for People who loved Fishing but those who had the HEALTH of the River at Heart and the Management and Wellfare of fish and Aquatic life in the Barwon-Darling and Tributaries .

This of course includes the Menindee Lake Scheme which is reported to be the most Natural and Largest Fish Hatchery in Australia for Golden Perch,Murray Cod and a lot of other fish species.

The Menindee Lake Scheme is paramount to the Marine Life of the whole of NSW,Southern Queensland,Victoria and South Australia,this is where it all began Thousands of Years ago and if we do not reduce or take control of the Corruption and Greed in Over Extractions of Water we will Destroy the River.

To me once the River has Flowed across the Plains it has replenished the land and should be allowed to return to the river to do the same down stream to benefit all people not just the Greedy few.

Please Remember What The American Cotton Farmers Did To The Mississippi River.

Yours Sincerely Robert Bosch

Sent from my iPad