

INQUIRY INTO FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING

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I am a LARGE SCALE IRRIGATOR in the Macquarie valley and support Flood plain Harvesting licensing however the lack of transparency of NSW DPIE, State Water and ENRAR into the amount of water (gigaliters) they are trying to claw back is not transparent nor is the economic effect on the farmers , towns , and labor force . All the reasons talk about the enviromental effects and Aboriginal Heritage with no regard to the social consequences . The Government must become fully transparent , put the FPH water reductions on the table so that all interested parties clearly understand the effect of the legislation.. To protect the Darling river and Menindee lakes in time of severe drought there should be a total embargo on any FPH / pumping of any water until sufficient water has flowed down the river to keep it in a healthy state ie Min flow at Bourke .. THIS APPROACH WORKED WHEN THE DROUGHT BROKE IN 2020 .