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INQUIRY INTO FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING

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Water theft and extensive ecological damage is occurring across the Murray Darling basin by the act of floodplain harvesting. It is disgusting to see the corruption within the nationals party and other groups which are meant to prevent the drying up of the basin, yet collaborate with foreign corporations to make a quick buck. They are destroying the present and future of downstream towns and communities and turning their back on their countrymen. The people of the downstream towns are suffering because of floodplain harvesting.

Floodplain harvesting must be illegalised and corporations must be held accountable for the damages they caused to the basin and subsequent communities. The cap needs to return to its 1994 level and corporations need to be punished for going over the cap.

Thank you for your time.