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## **INQUIRY INTO FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING**

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The effect flood-plain harvesting is having on regional communities in the Southern Basin of the Murray-Darling is simply horrific and is having significant effects on life-expectancy, suicide rates, food availability and killing our natural wildlife.

Communities like Griffith are exposed to pumping blue-green algae bloom water, which is unsuitable for use. We are supposed to be a well-educated, developed nation with a great respect for the BACKBONE of this country being our rich farming industry. Which used to be based on EQUITY and FAIRNESS but is now based on how big your dam and cotton farm is.

The fact it has gotten to this point is outrageous and needs to be banned immediately. Further to this Australia must implement a water register with utmost urgency otherwise we are set to commit irreversible damage to our regional communities and wildlife for the benefit of wealthy cotton farmers often foreign owned.