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INQUIRY INTO FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING

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As a former resident of the New England region, I support this investigation into the legality of floodplain harvesting when it creates demonstrable ecological, financial, and medical detriment to regional NSW, particularly in the Southern region of the Murray-Darling Basin. Current management of the basin disadvantages the majority of local farmers as it continues without regulation or enforcement of the little regulation that does exist. Efforts at creating such regulation or at least transparency on the ownership of water across the state have been repeatedly halted. Currently, there is no funding from the NSW government for research into the environmental consequences of the current handling of the Murray-Darling basin despite the worst ecological outcomes for the region in its recorded history over the past two decades. Hopefully, this new parliamentary inquiry will reveal to parliament and the Australian public the true nature of these decisions and their consequences.