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INQUIRY INTO FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING

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Before I start, I do not support floodplain harvesting. As a geologist/geomorphologist by both career and education, the very idea of excluding floodwater movement across flood plains as separate from the river system (and therefore fine for farmers to catch in their own reservoirs) is a ludicrous

It is well established that the flow regime of the Murray-Darling Basin is dominantly driven by flood pulse activity. Overland flow is an important aspect of flooding in river systems and should therefore be treated/licensed no different to water which remains in-channel. It is all one part of the same system and to make exceptions to water flowing “overland” (it is still within the river system and feel as though the term “overland” is misleading here) is not backed by any scientific ideas whatsoever.

I DO NOT SUPPORT FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING