

## INQUIRY INTO FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING

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Floodplain water harvesting has never been included in Cap reporting in NSW. That is, Cap has never been complied with in respect to floodplain water harvesting. DPIE claims that floodplain water harvesting will be limited by Cap are unsubstantiated. There has been no external verification of this claim and the documentation of the Cap models has been withheld from public scrutiny. DPIE intends to issue floodplain water harvesting licences based on current on-farm storage capacities. It has published current on-farm storage data, but not relevant historic data. On-farm storages are an important factor in the level of development. On-farm storages in the Northern NSW valleys has increased by 2.4 times (142 per cent) since 1994.