

Supplementary
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INQUIRY INTO FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING

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Additional submission to the previous Kamilaroi submission from Alfred Priestley.

The water cap is the amount of take set in the 1994 levels of development and water sharing rules in place on 30th June 1994.

In 1994 , the water rules in NSW were governed by the Water Act 1912.

The DPIE's internal legal advice confirms that floodplain harvesting is not possible under the Water Act 1912. It says so on the first page!

This means that floodplain harvesting is not within the Cap.

The Murray Darling Basin Plan refers to Basin Diversion Limits (BDL's) being as per the state water management laws as of 30th June 2009.

Floodplain harvesting isn't legal because of the Water Management Act 2000 (NSW) or the Water Sharing Plans at that time. It remains illegal today . Why is this allowed to happen? Apparently the best lawyers in Sydney say it's illegal.

This proposal to increase the legal limits to include a volume for floodplain harvesting does not comply with the Water Act of 1912.

The Original peoples wonder why governments write these laws and then break them.

It is very difficult to bring our children up to not break the laws and the government locks our children up , even kids that are only 10 years old. Why lock our kids up when apparently breaking laws is OK?

Why doesn't the water minister just obey the laws , as they are written?

Yours Sincerely

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