

**Submission
No 157**

INQUIRY INTO FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING

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Dear inquiry committee,

After watching Friendly Jordies' feature piece 'Blood Water: the war for Australia's water', it became apparent to me that there is blatant mismanagement of the Murray-Darling owing to floodplain harvesting. I implore the members of this committee to watch the referenced piece, which can be found on YouTube, as it will aptly highlight the ongoing negative effects the poor water management practices currently in use are having upon our southern Murray-Darling basin communities. I also call for the committee to investigate the lack of capital gains tax on foreign interests when selling their stored water to Australian farmers at inflated rates, which said farmers must pay tax on. I am disturbed by the dystopic idea of water privatisation, the breakdown in communication between the communities affected and the NSW government and the apparent misrepresentation of voices on the NSW irrigators council.