

## INQUIRY INTO FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING

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Dear members of the committee,

Floodplain harvesting is swiftly becoming a detriment to much beloved Australian ecosystems, agriculture, economy, and ways of life in affected communities.

I am writing as a concerned private citizen of Western Sydney to inform the committee members that voting citizens outside these affected areas are aware of the issues facing regions such as the suburbs surrounding the southern portion of the Murray-Darling basin, and that many Australians such as myself have an interest in seeing that a just outcome is reached from this inquiry.

The ecological state of the aforementioned affected areas clearly demonstrates that the current state of floodplain harvesting regulations are far from sustainable. Seemingly unexplained drought has caused unprecedented decimation of much farmland, and wildlife, eroding the economy of many small farming communities.

From my understanding, the current laws in place do not explicitly support the act of floodplain harvesting, however this, I feel, should be amended for clarity of condemning floodplain harvesting. Alternatively, an independent environmental body should be overseeing licensing, metering etc, of these practices, and imposing a cap on water harvesting, which meets strict environmental/sustainability standards.

Regards,