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INQUIRY INTO FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING

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Since the reporting of blue green algae blooms many years ago and the subsequent mass die offs of fish along the Murray Darling I have been hit with immense grief and sadness over the land and the people and ecosystems that rely on its existence. Again and again headlines have appeared documenting the fatal position of the health of the river, reported as a terrible occurrence of the drought, another unlucky stroke for the Murrary Darling but this is not the case. The amount of water being sucked up and stored in private holdings and sold off is unsustainable, Australia can not continue our hapzard usage of water. We must work within our means and we are not doing so, further tragedy can only fall on the area.