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## **INQUIRY INTO FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING**

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The issues caused by flood plane harvesting, and the water shortages that occur as a result of it are not just driving people to suicide, but actively killing them. Wilcannia has a life expectancy of 36.7 for men and 42.5 for women. That is lower than the life expectancy in the Central African Republic. I could go on and on about this, I could talk about the Motor Neurone Disease causing Blue Green Algae in Griffith, or the suicide rates. But honestly I shouldn't have too, because the simple fact of the matter is that people are dying so that foreign corporations and local millionaires can turn a profit while causing unbelievable environmental damage. To be blunt, I believe that if you don't think flood plane harvesting is an immoral practice that should be made fully illegal, than you don't deserve to hold a position of authority.