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INQUIRY INTO FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING

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Hello,

As a concerned citizen, I would like to raise a few areas that I believe is essential that the Committee investigate.

I would like to strongly encourage the Committee explore the link of Floodplain Harvesting to blue-green algae.

More specifically, the following links between blue-green algae and health conditions. It is possible that current policy is directly linked to poor health outcomes for NSW residents.

Further, it is essential that the impact of Floodplain harvesting- and the ecological byproducts- on local & downstream Indigenous Australians is investigated.

It is also outrageous that foreign influences pay LESS tax than Australians on local water.

The economic impact of this policy on Australian agriculture and the disproportionate benefit to the cotton industry at the expense of food is significant and should be taken into account.

The laughable actions & conflict of interests (in my view) presented by the NSW Irrigator's Council & the Nationals should be considered (for example, the DIRECT benefit of Jim Cush, Chairman of NSWIC, from policies his Council recommends).

Instead, a focus should instead be placed on scientific research & consultation as much of the ecological impact is known and not appropriately considered.

Sincerely,

Riley Keogh