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## **INQUIRY INTO FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING**

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I apologise if the format of this submission is not your standard format or even style, but I simply cannot sit around in good conscience without expressing significant concern for the current treatment of the Murray Darling basin, all to benefit a small number of upper basin cotton farmers (with clear ties to the National party) at the expense of those down stream. Numerous reports challenge the statements that the downstream effects are simply related to climate change. The health impacts in certain towns are completely unacceptable as well. A life expectancy of 37 for men and 42 for women is appalling in a first world country. Please look very closely at this decision process and try to see past the pockets of political donors in the decision making process. Cheers