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INQUIRY INTO FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING

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Floodplain harvesting is effecting the Murray River recharge and allowing unregulated and illegal use of water by upstream users. The consequences downstream are disastrous from both an environmental and public health perspective. It is my opinion that big bussiness lobbying interests (in particular cotton) are acting once again overtly greedy and un-Australian. This situation requires a strong regulatory response, with metered water useage that is sustainable and democratic. Australian resources belong to all Australians equally, not to multinational conglomerates who lobby lackluster regulatory responses from the government and unlimately lead toward current and future environmental catastrophes.