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INQUIRY INTO FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING

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It is clear that floodplain harvesting is killing river systems in Australia as now that floodplain harvesting has become such a large operation for large cotton growers, rivers have actually begun to not run at all. Before floodplain harvesting this would only happen in extreme cases of drought whereas now it happened regularly. It is a disgrace to our nation that the theft of Australian water has perhaps inadvertently, but inevitably lead to small Australian towns having lower life expectancies than current war torn countries. There must be an enquiry into this blatant stain on our nation's pride that has left people literally killing themselves because it is better than living with this mismanagement of water, that would lead to a much slower and more painful death in the end. There must also be real consequences for those who have handled this water mismanagement and driven their own people, who they are meant to be helping, to suicide in these small towns.