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## INQUIRY INTO FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING

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I vehemently oppose floodplain harvesting. Flood cycles are part of a delicate natural system. Flood water is not “excess” to be siphoned out of the natural system to profit a few while communities disappear and ecosystems collapse. Floodwater is part of the “droughts and flooding rains” that make the heart of this continent vital. Without the flooding rains to restore the land, all that is left is drought. This is undeniably unsustainable. Floodplain harvesting is illegal for a reason. Just because some property owners have undertaken this illegal practice doesn’t mean it should be retrospectively legalised. It should be stopped. The Murray Darling Basin is dying. Only strong leadership can save it. Please don’t destroy this vital ecological, cultural, social and economic asset.