

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING

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Over the last twelve months I have spoken to many locals about the extension of wyangala dam wall. The monetary, environmental, primary production cost of this project is ridiculous. Everyone agrees that we need more water in this area into the future so there must be compromise. The older people in the community have suggested that we put several small dams or weirs along the Abercrombie river. This area is very steep not suitable for primary production and already owned by the government (national park) therefore no land would need to be acquired and paid for making the project more economically sustainable. These older people have been to the meetings make no comment at the time but just sit and listen. Their voices and opinions deserve to be heard after all their farms and families have been in the area for generations. They know exactly what they are talking about. They have been through it all many time drought, flood bushfires it's a constant cycle. But just get them started on climate change ! Thank you for the opportunity to have our say.