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SUBMISSION DETAILS	<p>As an observer of the Darling River over the past 60 years it is quite obvious, as is to many others, that this river at the lower end is in its final stages of being called an acceptable flowing river. Even before the construction of the Menindee Lakes system in the 1950's the river suffered many highs and lows but was never contaminated and when new flows came they were called a "fresh" down the river. Today the opposite is the case. When a rise comes down the river all the dregs are flushed down from irrigation high up to cause unacceptable contaminated water. In my eyes the death knell was placed on these river systems the day water traders began to operate. It defies logic that water licences and entitlements can be shifted thousands of kilometres higher up the river. Also due to this selling of water many hundreds of gig litres have been bought up by traders door-knocking that was previously never used (sleeping water) and this is bulked up and sold to large dealers and properties not even in the same regions. The end result is your neighbours sell off or lease their water and you finish up with no flow because you are at the bottom end. This will never work to making a healthy river. In posing fines on serious breaches of water theft is a waste of time. If the authorities are fair dinkum, reduce their water entitlements by a percentage (e.g. 20% first offence) and turn this water back into the river system to make up for the huge allocation that we have been left with.</p>
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