## **Darling River**

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Unfortunately, looking at the first flush system does not rectify the basic underlying problem.

That is the NSW Government ignored the Murray Darling basin scheme when allowing waters to be taken out of the system.

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It started with farmers being allowed to take water out only with restricted diameter lines and only to a certain river depths.

But, once the NSW Government and big business got involved, it ended up

with the water extraction being in the hands of a small amount of large companies; they being able to use any diameter size lines; and be allowed to pump the river until dry.

I know your answer – It is not in your mandate. Thus is how no investigation looks into the areas where the NSW Government needs to be held to account.

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