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Hi team,

I am very concerned about the AROWS project. I urge that the project be cancelled. It appears to me that there will be significant impacts on the surrounding ecosystem. Flooding the plains will impact the breeding of many species, including the survival of melaleuca trees in the area. We have already seen the impacts of similar inundations caused by climate change. Many melaleuca trees have died. For example, water monitors are already a threatened species and the AROWS project could damage their habitat further. I have personally already seen a reduction in water monitor populations on camping trips throughout my lifetime so we need to ensure this species is protected. The AROWS project also is on land that is home to many important cultural sites. This includes significant banyan trees which are important to the Woolna people. I am unsure if there has been a formal approval process from Woolna elders yet. This is imperative to ensure we protect the heritage of the oldest living civilisation in the world.

Best regards,
Megan