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Submission contents:

I have concerns about the AROWs project and do not support it. I am concerned at the large amount of money that NTG is prepared to spend to actively damage the environment, and modify one of the world's rare remaining large, free-flowing rivers. This money could be well-spent elsewhere. For example, the two dams we already have could be increased in capacity, reducing the need for the AROWs project, and mitigating its impacts. NTG should also be encouraging industry to use desalinated water (and charge them for water use), instead of damaging the environment to produce more good quality drinking water for wasteful industrial use. I am also very concerned with impacts to fish species, including species of high recreational and commercial value, such as barramundi and mud crabs. Modification of flow and extraction of water is well-known to have consequences on fish recruitment in freshwater, estuaries, and coastal waters, as well as impacts on floodplains where these species feed in the wet season. Aside from sought after species, there are a number of threatened fish species in the Adelaide River, including river sharks and sawfish, as well as threatened terrestrial species on the catchment land. How will these species be protected? Will the impacts of development be monitored? This project does not meet the needs of Territorians, and any positives (I can't think of any) do not outweigh the problems associated with this project.