

Visual evidence of the massive problems associated with total mis-management of the Murray Darling Basin by consecutive Federal, State and Local Governments.

The warnings over the last two decades plus have not been heeded and because of mainly the above fact plus the granting of impossible to supply licences to extract waster from the Murray Darling Basin, over extraction, inefficient irrigation practices, theft and sadly greed and the rise of the Un-Australian attitude we are, in Australia, are faced with a disaster.

Whilst the effects of the worst drought in this country's history have taken a massive toll in the Murray Darling Basin and the predictions of 'climate change' are frightening the main obvious fact is over the last some forty years Government Federal, State and Local have presided over the demise of our Murray Darling Basin.

Please as you view these disturbing photos of, only some, of the consequences of our actions and there effects on the River Murray below Lock 1 take a little time to think about those consequences and the effects on the, back bone of this country, the communities that built this great but young Nation.

Long Island Marina – Murray Bridge – South Australia









More bank collapse and cracking

No 1 – Looks fine



No 2 – After first collapse



No 3 – Going further



No 4 – Nearly all gone

















Signs of probable impending disaster



Damage to irrigation infrastructure

















Stands of trees dropping







Large cracks in once laser levelled irrigation swamps









More bank collapse



Cracks appearing away from the river



Damage caused by cracking and shifting soil







Problems with many boat ramps (one of the better ones) – Many have had to be closed



Swallowed: A Landcruiser and ski boat are pulled from the river at the Avoca Dell boat ramp, where the channel is barely a metre from the water's edge.



Houseboats damaged caused by shifting banks causing trees to fall



Road closers
Walker Flat Pump Out Station closed.



East Front Road Mannum



East Front Road has been closed – SAPOL order



Entrance to Sturt Reserve shacks at Murray Bridge



Illegal developments (below Pool Level) are springing up along the River



The original river's edge when the property was purchased was the sleepers on the right hand side the new owners removed the sleepers that were a houseboat mooring, the permapine post was the rear tie up post for the rear of the houseboats. The sand bank wall at the front and the posts are nearly 32 feet out into the river from the original river boundary.

Development below Pool Level is illegal.





Both of the below properties have carried out alterations below Pool Level



Could this happen again?



Figure 3. Murray River at Wentworth, NSW during the 1914 drought. (Photo courtesy of the State Library of South Australia)