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**FEDERATION OF VICTORIAN TRADITIONAL OWNER CORPORATIONS SUPPORTS
INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED WATER THEFT**

The Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations supports the Victorian Government's call for an independent investigation into allegations made by the ABC Four Corners report that billions of litres of water allocated for the environment is being used to irrigate cotton farms in New South Wales.

Marcus Stewart, Deputy Chair of the Federation, said: 'If these reports are true, less water will now be available to downstream users in Victoria, which puts our environment and cultural heritage at risk.'

The Federation supports all government initiatives that enhance the integrity of the water system to ensure the best outcomes from the Basin Plan for all Victorians. We also encourage the Acting Minister for Water not to forget about the rights and interests of Traditional Owners.

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