

# The Franklin River Story

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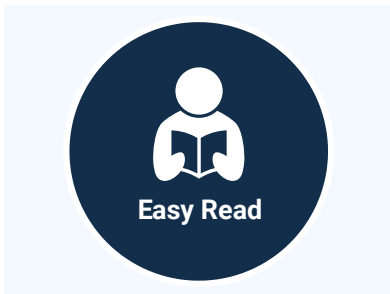


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We use pictures to explain some ideas.

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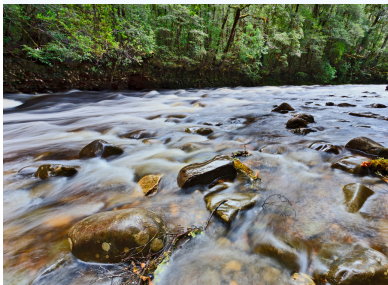
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# Problem



This is the story about a river in Tasmania, Australia.

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It is called the Franklin River.

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The Franklin River is beautiful with:

- lots of animals
  - clean water
  - lots of trees
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In the 1970s and 1980s a company wanted to build a big dam across the river to make electricity.

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This upset lots of people.

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# Taking action



People were worried the big dam would hurt the river and animals.

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People wanted to save the Franklin River.

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They started to take action to save the Franklin River. For example:

- people wrote letters
  - people made signs that said No Dams.
  - people **protested**.
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A **protest** is an event or action where people stand up for their rights in public.

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# Franklin River blockade



Lots of people made a big **blockade**.

A **blockade** is when a group of people stop activities they think will hurt the environment by using their bodies.

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For example lots of people sat down and did not move to block roads.

This stopped the trucks coming to build the dam.

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Lots of people in the blockade got put in jail.

They were breaking the **law**.

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The **law** means rules that everyone has to follow.

People did not like the law that would hurt the river so they were OK with going to jail.

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## A court case



People also talked to the people who worked in government.

This is called **lobbying**.

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**Lobbying** is when people try to persuade government officials to make decisions that benefit them or their group.

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There was also a big **court case**.

A **court case** is when people go to a special place called a court to have a judge decide on their problem.

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The court case decided to solve the problem by saving the Franklin River.

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# The Franklin River was saved



People all around the world were very happy the Franklin River was saved.

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The different actions people did saved the Franklin river.

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The Franklin River is still beautiful.

It is still there and you can visit it.

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Thank you to the brave people who saved the Franklin River.

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