

The Franklin River Story

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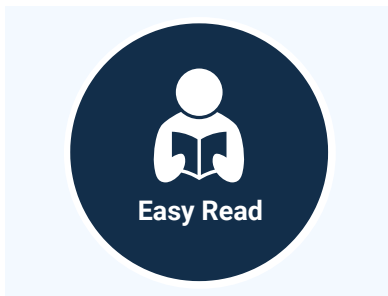
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Problem



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



It is called the Franklin River.



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.



This upset lots of people.

Taking action



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



People wanted to save the Franklin River.



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.

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**.



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



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.



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

The Franklin River was saved



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



The different actions people did saved the Franklin river.



The Franklin River is still beautiful.

It is still there and you can visit it.



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

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