

Drought exposes Aboriginal burial grounds

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Aboriginal communities along the Lower Lakes and Coorong in South Australia say they are concerned that receding water levels are exposing ancient burial grounds to damage.

Sections of the lake have dried up with the drought and left previously protected Aboriginal burial grounds open to the elements.

Matt Rigney from the Ngarrindjeri community says looting is becoming a major problem.

"We have burial grounds dotted all the way right through this country that are now exposed to the elements being damaged," he said.

"Cattle have been walking through them, people have been picking up skulls and bones and taking them home as trophies or whatever they do do with them.

"It's really disturbing that there seems to be no respect for the dead, in our case our Aboriginal people who have passed away over the years, so we're seeking some kind of support to protect these area."