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Not the farmers

NEW research linking algal blooms to water stratification and claiming climate change is more likely than fertilisers to affect river health is a welcome breakthrough for farmers.

Agricultural Region MLC Brian Ellis, whose family farms at Bindi Bindi, said the Labor Government had been slow to manage WA rivers and had been quick to shift the blame to farmers.

"I am sure farmers throughout the Agricultural Region will join me in welcoming new UWA research which shows that algal blooms occur when river water forms layers of differing temperatures or salinity," Mr Ellis said.