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If we destroy dams now, our children or grandchildren should have to restore them again after years of drought and fires, to provide the cleanest and the cheapest source of electricity, to keep good ecology, and to control fires and flooding.

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