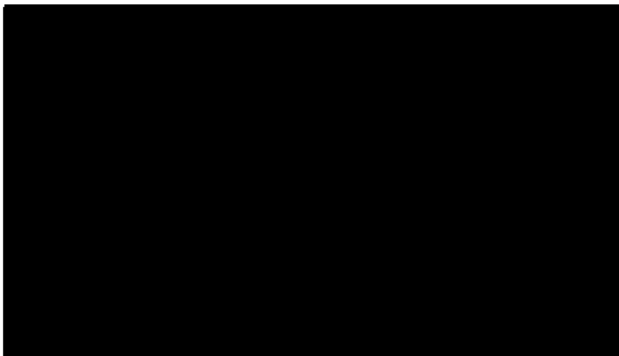


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MY APOLOGIES FOR THIS WRITTEN SUBMISSION,
WRITTEN, BECAUSE I HAVE NO WORKING COMPUTER.

THE CONTINUAL INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGE YEAR IN YEAR OUT
IS CRIPPLING (INFRASTRUCTURE ACCESS FEE - 1.82 ML/DAY DELIVERY SHARE)
FARMERS, HAY PRODUCERS, GRAZERS WHO STILL NEED
TO USE THE DETHRIDGE WATERWHEEL, STILL HAVE THE
SAME SLOW INFRASTRUCTURE. IN MY CASE SINCE MY
ARRIVAL HERE IN 1988. NOTHING HAS CHANGED

THE POSSIBILITY OF GETTING MODERNISATION ON THIS FARM
SEEMS REMOTE.

A PIPE DOWN THE 750 M SPUR FROM NO 1 MAIN IRRIGATION
CHANNEL WAS PROPOSED FOR ME BY [REDACTED]
2010/11. THE CLOSURE OF OPEN CHANNELS WITHIN THE
FARMLAND AND SAVINGS OF 20 ML WOULD PART PAY
FOR PIPES AND RISES.

IT SEEMS THE "GOLD RUSH" HAS ENDED.
I WAS DENIED THAT OPTION.

IN NEWSPAPERS WE ARE SHOWN ALL THE SUCCESS
THAT PIPES AND RISES AND MODERNISATION IS
ACHIEVING.

I NOW SEE HOW SOME ACHIEVE! IT IS DUE TO PRIVILEGES
GIVEN.

AS STATED P. 34 "REVIEW OF THE WATER CHARGE RULES -
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" IIO'S ARE FREE TO WAIVE OR DISCOUNT THE TERM-
INATION FEES PAYABLE BY IRRIGATORS AT ANY
TIME INCLUDING TO FACILITATE OR ENCOURAGE
APPROPRIATE NETWORK MODERNISATION AND
RATIONALISATION. "

I FEEL I HAVE BEEN SUBSIDISING MODERNISATION
AND IIO'S.

LAND IN THIS REGION, WITHOUT IRRIGATION WATER IS
CHEAPER THAN MOST AREAS. IT IS THE WATER THAT HAS
THE VALUE. A HIDDEN COST IS THE FULL INFRASTRUCTURE REMAINING -
INFLATED WATER PRICE IS THE FARMERS TEMPTATION FOR DEBT ^{COST.}
REDUCTION AND EVENTUALLY FARM SALE, ANOTHER FAMILY GONE.
ONE MODERNISED FARM OWNER, I KNOW OF, NOW OWNS
MANY EMPTY HOUSES!

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