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Attachments: Graph Water Pricing - Valleys in Murray Darling Systemimg-414190217.pdf

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am writing is express my utter disbelief at the ACCC Draft Decision on State Water Pricing and the disproportionate pricing of water for the Peel Valley as against all other river systems in the state.

The attached graph tells the story. Peel Valley water pricing is currently in excess of double the pricing in other valley systems and is expected to rise exponentially towards 2016/17 .

The intended pricing structure will kill the irrigation industry in the Peel Valley and associated retailers that rely on their custom. Approximately 95% of the water flowing along the Peel Valley ends up in the Namoi Valley system and yet the Peel Water Users are charged twice as much for the water as Namoi water users. That is disproportionate , discriminatory and inequitable.

I believe the object of the ACCC is for the protection of consumers , and in this case , to prevent pricing arrangements that will cause water users to be disenfranchised .The proposed pricing structure is in no way fair and equitable and provides a competitive advantage to water users in valleys with low water costs.

I have lost all confidence that the ACCC can act in a manner that is impartial , or provide a solution that is sustainable and equitable to the irrigators in the Peel Valley.

Try to salvage some decency by reviewing the pricing of Peel Valley water before you lose all credibility.

Yours faithfully,

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