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**To:** State Water Submissions  
**Subject:** Submission to ACCC re excessive water charges on the Peel River

To whom it may concern,

It is a perverse outcome for the Peel Valley to be charged a water usage fee of \$55.13 per ML (or \$71.92) while the Murray Valley pays just \$2.49 per ML in water usage charges

It is unfair that the Namoi Valley is charged less than half the water usage charges in the Peel Valley – particularly when the Namoi Valley receives around 95% of the long term average annual end of stream flow from the Peel River

The water usage charges should be the same throughout the whole of NSW – similar to motor vehicle registration costs, electricity costs, the cost of fuel, and the cost of grocery items

The ACCC claims to promote competition and fair trade – how is the ACCC helping competition or fair trade when they are proposing such discriminatory prices in the Peel Valley?

Based on recent usage figures, the extra cost for water in the Peel Valley at \$55.13 per ML compared to the Namoi Valley at \$20.92 per ML is around \$250,000 per annum. Rather than being spent in the local economy this additional charge is extracted annually from the productive sector for payment to the Government in the form of an excessive water charge.

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