Meadowbank Water Users Association. ABN: 17 110 096 613

Meadowbank Drive, (PO Box 1961) Tamworth NSW 2340 12 April 2014

State Water Pricing Enquiry. Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, GPO Box 520 <u>MELBOURNE</u> VIC 3001

Dear Sir,

Att: Mr Sebastian Roberts Ref; Inequitable Pricing of water in the Peel Valley.

As president representing this group of water users, I with others would like to express our concern at the unfair proposed pricing of water in the Peel Valley. We consider it unreasonable that water users in this valley may be required to pay many times the price for water, compared to other regions of the State.

We are a group of 18 rural residential dwellers, located at Hallsville, around 10 Km downstream of Tamworth. We have a co-operative Association to supply and distribute water to our members, independent of the Tamworth City supply. We source our water from a bore on the Peel River flats and the water is principally used for stock and domestic purposes.

Along with others, we urge your enquiry to fully investigate the current biased system of water pricing, and that you recommend alternative pricing systems, so that the costs of water supply and distribution across New South Wales can be equally shared across all water users, urban and regional, industrial and agricultural.

We trust that this enquiry will fully examine all of the issues involved, and arrive at a compromise solution, which is fair to all the water users of New South Wales, particularly those of the Peel Valley.

I can supply more information on request.

Yours faithfully,

(R.J. ESDAILE) President.