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Regulated Water Charges in the Peel Valley

In response to the draft decision that irrigators in the Peel Valley should pay \$55.13 per megalitre for regulated water usage charges in 2016/17, or \$71.92 per megalitre if the existing Government subsidy for the Peel Valley is withdrawn at any stage, we would like to make the following objections:

1. Charges for regulated water should be the same Statewide, thus being equitable to all users. Where is the justification in the Murray Valley being charged only \$2.49 per megalitre, the Namoi Valley only \$20.92 compared to the exorbitant amount the Peel Valley water users are expected to pay.
2. 95% of water released from Chaffey Dam flows from the Peel River to the Namoi Valley. Why should Peel Valley water users pay for water that they do not use.
3. Why are there two tiers of charges to the water users - one charge from the NSW Office of Water and the other from NSW State Water? The cost of running these two entities to service one commodity is a duplication that could surely be minimised by combining the two offices, reducing staff numbers, vehicle running costs, office accommodation costs, etc. and passing on these savings to the water users of NSW.
4. The cost of water for Peel Valley water users to produce crops will be 2000% more than the water costs in the Murray Valley, 265% more than the Namoi Valley. Residents of northern NSW who register motor vehicles, have driving licences and use electricity do not have to pay up to 2000% more than their counterparts in other parts of the state, why then should the Peel Valley water users be treated differently. We are contributors to the economy of the state. Peel Valley water users cannot sustain losses continually and survive. It is evident that the ACCC's claims of promoting competition and fair trade are non-existent in this case. It would appear that Peel Valley water users are being discriminated against unfairly.

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