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I support the no change policy to the pricing split between fixed and usage charges which currently runs as a 40 % fixed and 60 % usage charge.

In times of low allocations we need to make difficult business decisions to maintain our viability and State Water needs to do the same. We can not afford to pay 80 % of costs as a fixed costs in times when we don't have the water to generate income for ourselves and the community around us.

I don't support any increases in charges as I believe government departments need to stand on their own two feet as a business and not be continually supported by us as irrigators. If our business model is not continually fine tuned to manage difficult times we don't survive and it's about time government departments are run in the same manner and not be a black hole for money.

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