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# **Draft Water Charge Rules**

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# Outline

About Murray Irrigation

Limitations of the Act

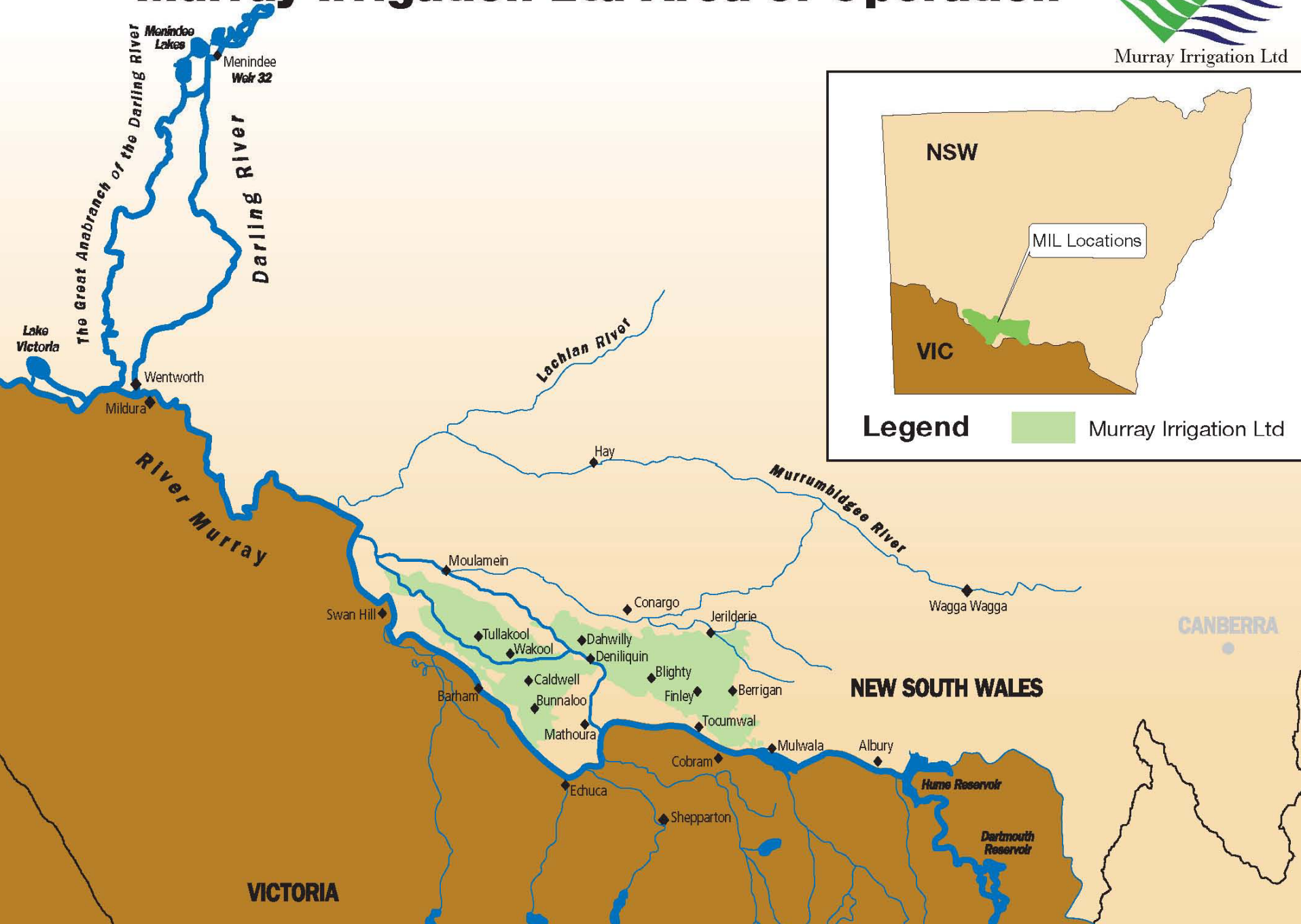
Specific comments on  
draft rules

# The company

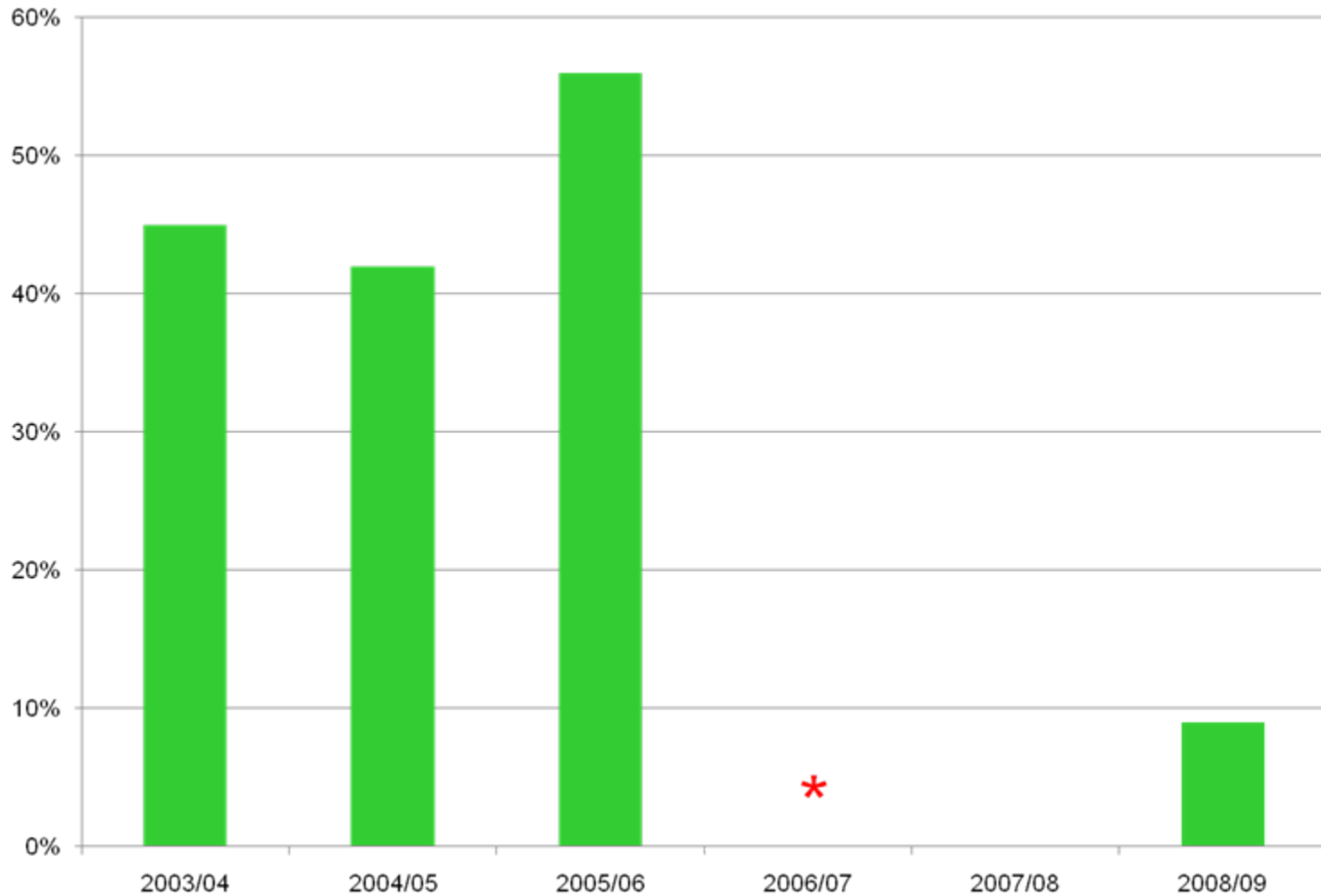
- Unlisted public company
  - Corporations Act/ASIC
- Shareholder “irrigator” – customers, with contractual rights
- Nine directors (seven member “irrigator” two non member)
- Constitution
- Licences with NSW Government



# Murray Irrigation Ltd Area of Operation



# Murray Irrigation announced allocation





# Many challenges

- Continuing drought
- Government policy churn
- Director responsibilities
- ? Water Charge Rules

Do they help or hinder?

For our customers is the cost warranted?

Will they make a material difference?



# Limitations

- No regulation of the MDBA
- No charge no regulation
- Private sector operators no proper consideration



## Part 4

- Should apply to all member owned
- Information disclosure supported
- Information via web where it exists
- Date should be by start of financial year





# Part 5 Operators

Network service plans & consultation

Significant cost imposition

Longer time frames for planning

Flexibility is important

Not something being demanded by customers

Consultation details conflicting

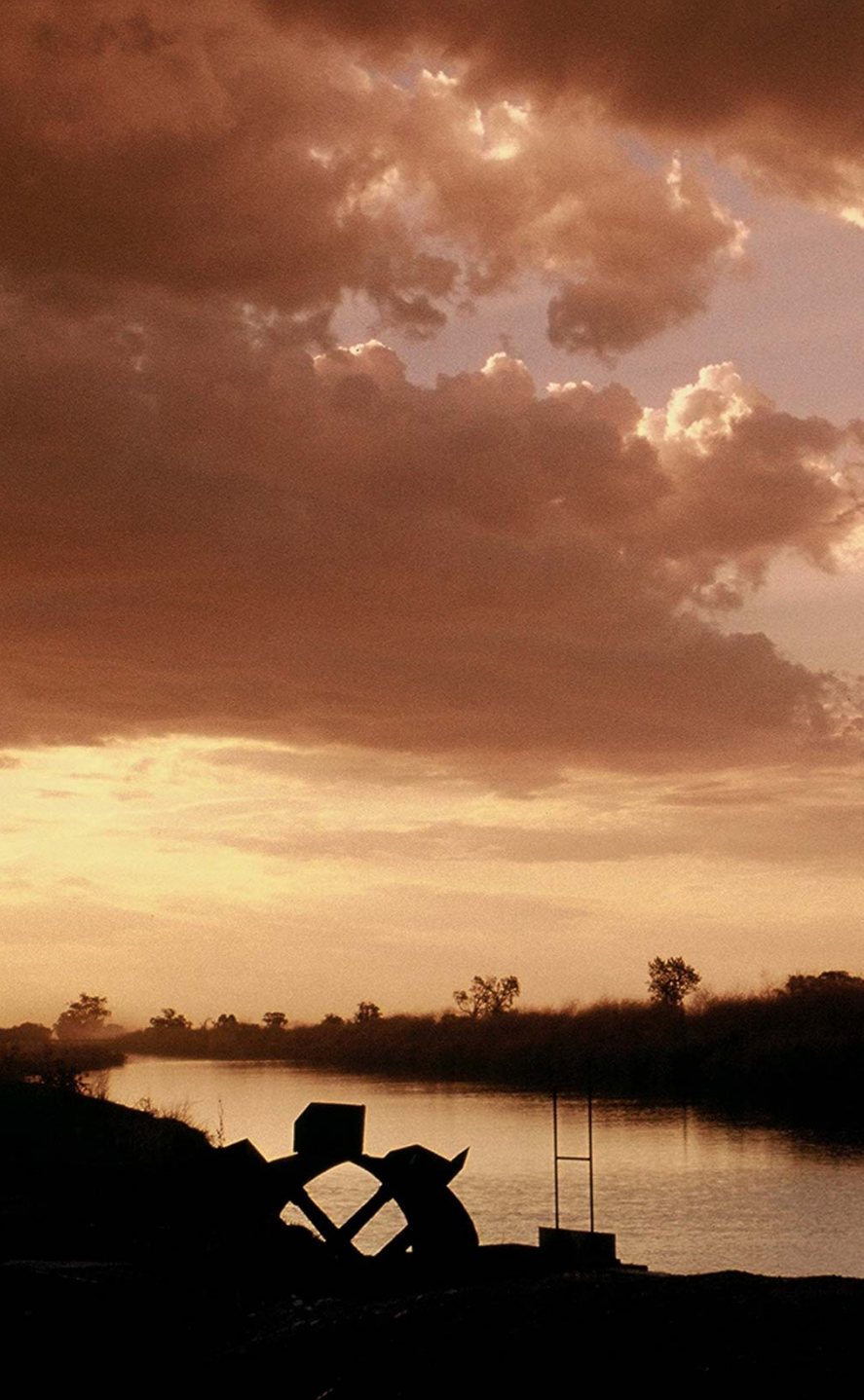
Independent engineer?



# Part 6

## Operators

- Consultation and analysis should be as undertaken by IPART
- External review
- Sufficient time to for stakeholders to comment
- Public forum for debate, not just written responses
- Include draft determination
- Allow further comment



# Part 7 Operators

- Not supported
- Discriminatory pricing mechanism should be used
- Not regulation



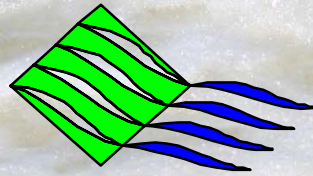
# Other issues

- How are Government charges for conveyance recovered from transformed customers?
- How can there be certainty about casual or premium use charges?
- Review & member owned



# Conclusion

- Member owned operators irrespective of size should be subject to Part 4
- Consideration of change should occur when the rules are reviewed



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