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Submitted to Sunwater: Part 6 exemption consultation
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Introduction

1 What is your name?

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2 What is your email address?

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3 What is your organisation?

Organisation:
Mallowa Irrigation Limited

4 Are you a customer of Sunwater?

Yes

5 What services do you receive from Sunwater?

Please provide your response below. :

Sunwater supply bulk water to Mallowa for conveyancing losses and also provide bulk water for our customers.

Submission questions

6 In your view, if the ACCC was to apply the requirements of Part 6 of the WCR to Sunwater, would this materially contribute to achieving the Basin water charging objectives and principles?

Yes

Please specify the reasons for your answer below.:

Mallowa believes so. There is some huge expenditure by Sunwater that would appear to go largely unchallenged by the current regulator the QCA and at the same time Sunwater seem to struggle to explain in depth a breakdown of these costs. The Sunwater Service plan presented to Mallowa indicates expenditure over a number of projects totalling from 20/21 to 22/23 totalling 1.15M. These are titled Comprehensive Risk assessments and inputs along with 20 year dam safety reviews.

7 Do you have any other views about why the ACCC should, or should not grant an exemption from the requirements of Part 6 of the WCR to Sunwater?

Yes

Please specify the reasons for your answer below.:

Having dealt with both the ACCC and QCA, I believe that the ACCC would appear to provide a higher level of scrutiny upon lines of expenditure by the likes of Sunwater.

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9 Are there other comments you would like to make?

Please provide your response below.:

No

10 Do we have your permission to publish your submission on our website?

Yes, publish my submission in full along with my name, email address and organisation

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