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General Manager - Water Branch
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Dear Sir,

Pricing of Water on Peel River.

The cost of Water for Irrigation taken from the Peel River is the most expensive in the State. At the current cost Irrigation farmers in the Peel Valley are unviable, an increase will force many farmers to cease irrigating. The argument of cost recovery does not make sense when River flow is uncontrolled right through to South Australia.

There needs to be fairness in Water Pricing right across the Murray Darling System.

All farmers are basically growing the same crops - The Peel Valley is being penalised with Water costs.

The State Government has only to show leadership and average the price of water right across the N.S.W. System. The financial result would be the same, but it would farmers on an equal footing.

The ACCC spends time investigating price gouging & price fixing by companies in private enterprise but allows Government Departments to operate on a price recovery basis for no valid reason.

The ACCC can save the future of irrigation in the Peel Valley by applying the test of fairness. I suggest the ACCC studies the water pricing on all N.S.W. Rivers in the Murray Darling System and applies an average price for water.

Yours faithfully

Rob Turner.

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