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Chair
Queensland Competition Authority
GPO Box 2257
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: Request for Submission to the Queensland Competition Authority's investigation into the pricing proposals presented by Sun water & SEQ water.
Central and Lower Lockyer Valley
Price Path Period 2020 – 2024.**

As an irrigator of ~200 acres of intensive horticultural crops in the Lockyer Valley, the pricing proposal structure recently presented by the QCA, is too far out of scope in being able to operate a profitable enterprise, particularly when this cost to the business is paying for what?

We fully support the earlier submission by the Lockyer Water Users Forum. Under the current proposal, it will put a hold on our future investment opportunities, business growth and job opportunities.

The current infrastructure has and is a failed system being the following catchment / supply schemes:

- Atkinson Dam
- Lake Clarendon
- Mortonvale Pipeline
- Bill Gunn Dam

As demonstrated in the submission, the performance of the said supply schemes has been poor and not offering any form of resource which now the pricing proposal expects users to pay for something that can't be supplied, particularly for groundwater usage.

Furthermore, the alignment of the pricing proposal to coincide with the additionally controversial water allocation management plan, rubs salt in the wound.

Thank you for considering this submission in your investigation, and as support for the collective Lockyer Valley irrigators.

Regards
Trevor Pezet – Barden Produce Farm Manager