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Dear Sir,

Re QCA Round 2 Consultation

Families and Businesses (Irrigators) lives and livelihood are at stake. Zones like the Upper Burnett and Boyne need to be defined accurately with their costs and overheads relative to it only. We do not want to pay for unrelated schemes and different sections of the Burnett with different reliability.

User pays seems to be policy, so stick to precise zones only. Prior to 1994 in Mundubbera and Eidsvold areas only there where 29 citrus growers now we have 9 operating in a standard fashion and 6 are very reduced in production. We estimate there is 1850 acres less citrus in the area now.

Pricing was supposed to be CPI regulated in about year 07, we coped a 15.75% rise this is Sunwater lack of transparently.

The government is already taking a slice of us though electricity at approx \$74.00 per mega litre low pressure plus capital cost and maintenance. This with about \$30.00 per mega litre for water which has us Upper Burn Irrigators at a disadvantage to other systems.

Interest rate at 8%-10% is unnecessary when QRAA operate at 4%.

Irrigators working with Sunwater as Co Managers has become very apparent and necessary, not to consult and go back and do a particular thing unpopular and too expensive for irrigators.

No to High part A and low part B. If we have to have high part A abolish Sunwater accounts department and staff, collect the money via local Government rates which are already stacked that way. Eg. 2 properties same soil type and area adjoining on the river, 1 an irrigation farm and the other a grazing block, have two very different rate charges. So again we are penalised for irrigating.

We need a very low part A and a reasonable part B charge because of wet and dry year extremes, this is the utmost importance, a glaring fact in the years 1994 / 2010 when allocations for years on end where nil excluding bedsand waters. The cost of extracting that poor quality water exceeded any returns of primary produce in this 16 year period, there where 2 periods, a 28 and 23 month long period in sections in the Burnett with no releases and no natural flows. No to part A being high when reliability is nil for long periods like above and prior to Easter 1983.

As for irrigators paying for recreation NO, or give us the right to put a toll on the entrances - User pay. Eg we pay parks and wild life officers to go into forests and look at birds and dingos. Get fair and exclude electricity, lawn mowing and similar maintenance from irrigators.

The 2028 expense for Claude Warton bag needs to be abolished and sell all the associated equipment now. Use an extra bag of concrete and make a proper weir.

Yours sincerely,



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