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Professor Flavio Menezes
Chair
Queensland Competition Authority
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Dear Sir,

We refer to the Draft Irrigation Water Pricing Review that is currently be conducted by the Queensland Competition Authority. Upon reviewing the draft report and the possible Price Paths that have been set we have calculated that with the proposed prices it will make the use of water unviable. We all know that costs of conducting any type of business are rising so we would be agreeable to small increases as we may be able to absorb these but the increases that are proposed we wouldn't be able to and we wouldn't be able to pass these increases on tour customers through our products either as they wouldn't be able to afford this.

If we were/are to cease using the water from the Barker Barambah Scheme this would have a significant impact on not only the local economy for the small towns of Murgon, Wondai & Kingaroy it would flow on the wider State economy through the flow on effect of our customers that come to us from outside the local area. If proof is required for this, we only need to look at what has and is happening at the present time due to us having a 0% Allocation this year – we aren't producing and hence not marketing the normal amount of product so we aren't spending the same amount of money in the local economy and our customers are unable to supply their customers with the normal amount of product.

In closing we would like to add that when the Government of the day built this Water Scheme it was to boost the economy not to be a profit making project for the Government.

Kind regards,
Hasselbach Family