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Cotton Australia is the peak body representing Australia's 1,500 cotton growers, of whom approximately 2/3s operate in NSW. The majority of the NSW producers are either direct or indirect customers of Water NSW.

Cotton Australia is an active member of the NSW Irrigators Council (NSWIC) and has a close working relationship with many of the valley-based irrigation organisations.

Cotton Australia endorses the comprehensive submission made by NSWIC, along with the submissions it has had an opportunity to review from Gwydir Valley irrigators Association (GVIA), Macquarie river Food and Fibre (MRFF) and Lachlan Valley Water (LVW).

There is consistent support for the IPART Draft Determination, both in terms of the proposed pricing for the next three years, and the deficiencies in the current WaterNSW approach.

For decades now, irrigators have been penalised by WaterNSW (and its predecessor organisations) in-built inefficiencies.

It is time for a very detail review of how WaterNSW operates, and indeed the operation of water management across NSW, with the specific aim of dramatically improving efficiency and driving long-term sustainable pricing.

Kindest regards,



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