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Submission: My business has been impacted by the cumulative impacts of water reforms and years of extreme drought, and I am concerned about the affordability of the large price increases.

I continue to be disappointed that water users rurally pay more for water us to cover infrastructure replacement and access. Government must invest in water access and pay a larger share. Ongoing access to support rural businesses is a better investment than in the supply of gas and gas projects which are only short term.

As society's view and public opinions change regarding water usage and environmental flows it is disproportionate to expect irrigators to bear the full cost of what the nation wants in mangement of water to combat climate change impacts. All Australians and NSW residents should contribute to the cost of water access to support rural communities so that us as irrigators do not pay for more than our fair share. In our country we have businesses that benefit from government funds that maintains access to clean beaches, use of the ocean and maintenance of ocean quality. In this case the users do not pay to use the beach or ocean water or are levied for such access. The costs of the access and maintenance of the water quality is funded by all of us through our taxes. Why can not our water access in the Yanco Creek which is also used for recreation purposes be at laest government subsidised similar to the oceans and beaches.