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Your submission for this review:

The proposed fixed price fee increase of approximately 180% over 5 years is unsustainable. We cannot pass increased costs on, our customers are the two dominant supermarkets and the international market. We are price takers so such a large increase will add an unbearable burden. Also the increase in fixed water charges be an impossible burden in times of drought or low water allocation years we will have high charges and no way of generating enough income to pay them as well as all other expenses, eg the years 2000 to 2010 was an extended period of zero and low water allocations IPART should consider that the whole community of NSW benefits from water infrastructure. The dams and other Water NSW activities also supply critical water needs for towns and cities, there is a benefit for sport and recreation and the provision of environmental flows from water stored in water storages. the same argument applies to the operating costs of the MDBA I am an Murray Irrigation Limited (MIL) irrigator our water use is measured to the Australian Standard by MIL and not Water NSW. Our charges should reflect the fact that MIL does the work that Water NSW does for river pumpers and not charge for that. I reject the proposed fee increase as unsustainable and unfair