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Submission: Whilst I wish to keep irrigation water charges as low as possible to keep irrigators as competitive as possible, I would like to see an increase in the Yanco Creek System levy for the eradication of Willows, aquatic weeds and general maintenance throughout the system. Governments in the past have not spent any money on the health of this system, it has fallen to the irrigators and communities along the system to foot the bill. At this stage we would not want governments to take over this cost as they would only pass on their inefficiencies through even higher charges. YACTAC runs a tight business plan but the outbreak of saggitaria weed means a sharp rise in eradication costs to maintain efficient delivery of water to irrigators and a healthy environment for the many native fauna and flora.