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Your submission for this review:

IPART: I am a worker on Williams Dairy in the Hunter Valley. As you can imagine this significant increase in water prices is creating uncertainty in all water users. For myself, the information and talks to each industry was very few and not at appropriate times to allow us to attend. So I believe that you haven't got a full gauge of how significant this increase is and its detrimental affects on all water users and a flow on affect in the community. We, as a dairy, rely heavily on the Paterson River which runs out of Lostock Dam as do many other dairies and various other industries including beef cattle, fodder contractors, poultry etc. Each of these sectors are important to various supply chains for their products and without these farms, work availability becomes few and my main concern being job security, when each farm is forced to close or lay off workers because they cannot afford the astronomical prices IPART is proposing and I along with many other workers will be forced to move elsewhere. On top of this, shouldn't you feel the responsibility to have empathy and in turn another extensive review of these prices. Whilst prices of groceries are increasing in the supermarket, every farmer I have spoken with has not seen an increase in the amount they sell their products for, let alone make a profit. They are literally holding on by the skin of their teeth. Because, you see, if Australia wants to keep eating quality grown and not lab produced products, companies, such as yourselves, need to create a new set of values that reflect the respect that farmers should be receiving for their hard work, not the constant back hand that is being dealt to them from IPART! We need to band together and rather than having a 'food chain' of big companies on top charging a 'motsa' and farmers at the bottom scraping the bottom of the barrel and trying to stay a float: something needs to change, and I challenge you to help create this change starting with another extensive review of these prices you have so graciously proposed.