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Your submission for this review:

I believe that the WAMC proposal for increases of 15% per year plus any inflation are excessive. Consultation before submitting this proposal has been poor and water users were given little warning of the scale of the proposed increases. Together with WaterNSW price increases, the proposal is in excess of the ability of the agricultural sector to pay. The way the costs are divided between government and water user is obviously unfair for the users and needs to be revisited. The role of the NRAR needs reviewing to deliver a more cost effective solution. The Department of Water should concentrate on producing coherent Eater Sharing Plans instead of beginning new areas of contentious policy such as the Connectivity Report or the new Wetlands Map. Some of WaterNSW function fall under the WAMC and these should be kept as efficient as possible. Whoever designed the new metering policy has failed in the first hurdle of because the technology is unreliable, overly complicated and the system that looks after the data is very inflexible and maze like. The review of the policy and proposed changes highlight how poorly conceived the original policy was. I ask that IPART reject the proposed increases and make WAMC adhere to more reasonable price rises such as 5% per year which is still above inflation. Regards John Richards Water licence holder in the Peel River, Tamworth