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To Whom It May Concern Thank goodness common sense has prevailed, the key stake holders have been listened to & the Draft Determination by IPART has kept increases to WaterNSW charges to a minimum. The Government of the day must understand irrigation business' do not have a bottomless pit of money to pay exorbitant charges for water particularly when allocations are low or nil. We pay our fixed charges on our whole allocation year in year out regardless of if we receive an allocation or not. Heading into extremely dry conditions at present will already put our business back 12 months as no Summer crop will be possible next season yet we will still be paying water charges. A pause in increasing costs is vital. Also why are irrigators once again asked to shoulder the costs and increases yet city & urban dwellers who still require the infrastructure to deliver their water are not impacted. Proposing large unrealistic increases is scare mongering tactics. Many rural communities at present have a large number of the next generation heading back to farms to try & make a future in farming. Farms are being asked to support multiple generations. In 42 years of farming I have never known an era to be putting so many cost pressures on our business. Large unjustified price increases to any one of our inputs can tilt a delicate balance very much the wrong way. Please consider these points before announcing any further increases.