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Your submission for this review:

I find the proposed prices for rural and regional water to be unreasonable . I spent 35 years in various positions on government water user committees including representing users at IPART hearings. Since those days when Government run irrigation areas were privatised and river operations were regionalised the river operations have now been amalgamated and centralised to the detriment of all users. It is almost impossible to get sensible responses when there is a river operation problem. I spent a considerable amount of time last year trying to get an answer as to why the Beavers Creek regulator (Murrumbidgee River) wasn't regulating the Old Man Creek. I received no credible reply despite several attempts. The Beavers Creek regulator was paid for by irrigators giving up 20gl of water for the Snowy River being the savings generated by the regulation of Old Man Creek. It is my view that two things have occurred since River Operations were amalgamated and centralised and they are that it has been grossly inefficient and other environmental and government requirements have suddenly become user responsibilities. In this case then it is high time that water distribution is run by water users who can determine what is an acceptable level of service if IPART can't intervene and curb these excesses. It is interesting that Water NSW has done absolutely nothing in the way of capital infrastructure expenditure to improve water distribution in the Murrumbidgee River despite numerous reports gathering dust that have outlined ways the system can be improved.