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Submission: water price increases of the magnitude being foreshadowed by Water NSW is totally unrealistic . Following years of drought , major metering upgrades which has cost tens of thousands of dollars , Bring in Telemetry at farmers expense to aid meter reading costs .The cost of setting up the internal system for the telemetry should be offset by the soon to be redundant human meter reader otherwise why mandate telemetry.

I would argue that enough is enough and with the metering and Telemetry being done at at waterusers expense a REDUCTION in pricing should be the discussion.

NRAR has been created to try and regain the general publics trust in NSW water compliance , Our industry has been paying for services that have not been provided for many years , otherwise why do we need NRAR.

So after years of not doing the job resulting in the establishment of NRAR , What's next ,if we have a law and order issue in a particular town should that community pay for the extra policing , I would argue not ,that is a fundamental and basic State Government expectation

Following years of water access reform resulting in the consumptive pool of water being reduced and the environmental water pool or the general publics water increasing I find it extraordinary that irrigators are being forced to pay the environmental expenses .

I have no problem with paying the costs associated with the consumptive water but can not accept the proposal that consumptive water users pay 80% of fish ladders when the reality is a weir has a lot more than 20% of environmental water in the total volume in a year , the cost should be prorated on this basis.

With climate change making longer dry periods and possibly short sharp wet phases it is imperative that we get value from our water storage and distribution company , Going on the cost increases proposed , we are far from satisfied in their performance .Thankyou IPART for keeping a close eye on these unrealistic proposals