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To those responsible for policy,

The following is reason for my objection to the ~~inferred~~ policy of increasing future water costs.

Peel Valley water costs are the highest of all rivers now.

This in itself is unjust because Chaffey dam has access to only 1% of the catchment and is therefore only cosmetic in its capacity to regulate water availability. To charge the amount already levied is a gross over estimation of its worth and charges should only reflect the true cost of administration of regulation of the remainder of the catchment plus a proportion for the dams' contribution.

The security of license and allocation in reality is so suspect this writer cannot justify the risk of further development expenditure. The water cost is born without the availability of extra offsetting income. The winners? Environmental flows, Adelaide water quality and other irrigators already developed.

The ground water charges should only ever reflect the administration costs and therefore should remain minimal.

Additional cost in the form of council rates are being levied on supposed increased valuations because of water licenses.

There is not the income return available to support the escalation in charges.



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