

Mr James Cox
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr Cox,

Re: NOW Request for Determination Extension

NSW Irrigators' Council (NSWIC) is aware of the letter IPART received from the NSW Office of Water (NOW) requesting a 12 months extension of the current Pricing Determination.

NSWIC does not object to the 12 month extension of the current determination subject to the following conditions;

- IPART consider the reduced payments from NSW to the Murray-Darling Basin Authority and apply that reduction to sums recovered through NOW charges; and
- No adjustment for CPI be allowed in the absence of a Determination.

Under the current Determination, water access licence holders pay a portion of the NSW contributions to the MDBA. With the reduction in NSW funding for the MDBA, water access licence holders would incur costs that are not cost reflective. We consider this outcome inequitable and request that the MDBA charges imposed on users be reviewed.

Sincerely,



Andrew Gregson
Chief Executive Officer