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Chairman:
Mr E. Whittle

Secretary
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7th May 2001

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Dear Sir,

Following the receipt of a phone message from Kylie Miller (of **IPART**) on Monday **23-4-01**, I phoned DLWC Sydney on the advised number and asked them to send a copy of their submission to **IPART**, to me.

I eventually received my copy on today's mail, Monday **7-5-01**. This is a ludicrous situation, 4 days to reply to the submission.

Therefore this submission will deal mainly with points that we have previously put before your tribunal.

THE OTHER BENEFICIARIES OF WATER USED FOR IRRIGATION AND INDUSTRY.

HOW DO THEY PAY?

Our contention is that apart from the obvious direct beneficiaries of expenditure on water administration and supply, there are others that benefit directly and indirectly from water extractions for irrigation and industrial use, other than direct users.

I refer you to item 3 of the terms of reference for your Tribunal where it **states-**

3. A proposed sharing of costs between different users and other beneficiaries of services.

We believe the two main points in this term of reference are

A. a **sharing** of costs between user and beneficiaries

8. it does not make any distinction between direct or indirect users and beneficiaries.

There are many beneficiaries from the extraction and use of water for irrigation and industry other than these license holders. The fact that these other beneficiaries are **difficult** to charge for their relevant share does not justify the Tribunals policy of allocating all of these costs to the user.

We believe that broadly speaking the other beneficiaries are community, whether they be fuel , **fertilizer**, seed, chemical, **labour** suppliers or beneficiaries further down the line such as Local, State and Federal Government and community in general through export income.

If the community is benefiting, the community **should** pay their share of-the costs by way of continued Government financial input.

Producers who only supply the domestic market can pass on all of their input costs, taxes, levees etc.

Agriculturists in general rely on export prices or export parity prices and therefore are not in a position to pass on either direct impositions, taxes, levees etc or those that have been passed on to them by their suppliers.

The world markets are not prepared to pay for what they deem are the extravagances of Australia's internal economy.

This is a situation that not only your tribunal needs to come to grips with but also the Australian Governments and community as well.

The points we make, may not be couched in academic terms but, are valid and need to be considered by a truly independant body.

Yours sincerely,

Edward **Whittle**.

Chairman.

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