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Submission: As a licence holder (in the South Western Slopes of NSW) I write to request that any changes reflect the true and accurate usage of water. I own a 40 acre farm with a 19 mega litre irrigation licence. The license has been granted since the early 80's. Due to significant ill health I have not been able to utilise the water allocation or plant crops. I have although paid the yearly fee to keep the license as I intend very soon to commence to plant crops and irrigate. I believe that any pricing should reflect a pay as you use situation, that is; a base fee for the administration costs of the license and a costs to the user of the amount of water used. This would ensure strict compliance with license requirements. I would also seek that illegal or unlicensed drawing of water be dealt with by condign punishment. Water is the lifeblood of the landowner and for far too many years it has been wasted by over irrigation and illegal drawing. Any decision needs to be made in a manner that is conscionable, equitable and in the interests of conserving the eco systems of Australia.