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Submission: As a holder of an irrigation licence on the Bogan River, we appreciate the reduction in water charges from \$5.87 per megalitre to \$2.52 per megalitre.

However the price drop does not address the problem of having to pay for water that is not in existence or available to pump due to flow restrictions placed on our licence.

With the stream flow monitoring stations and the data that is readily available from these stations, NSW Water should be able to adjust our invoices according to the length of time the flows meet the restrictions for irrigation attached to our licence. Since the implementation of the MDB Plan, we have not had reliable flows in the Bogan River that we could plan for an irrigated crop. We have still had to pay for this water that is no longer available to us. When flows have been available, seasons have been of the nature that irrigation was not required.

Like NSW Water, we have budgets to meet, and any impost on that budget that does not have a return of some sort is a severe impost on our bottom line.

Despite not being able to irrigate, our irrigation infrastructure still has to be maintained, another impost without return, on our bottom line.