

Gday Amanda,

I am unable to attend any of the workshops but would like to say that I was disappointed with Ipart's findings at the last hearings in relation to charges on unregulated rivers. The point of contention is that licensed irrigators still have to pay charges when the river is dry ie no water. The water availability charge should not apply when there is no water available. It does not cost State Water to administer a dry or low river when there are no regulatory structures to maintain for irrigation purposes.

The state govt and Ipart really do need to address this issue to ensure fairness to irrigators on unregulated rivers in the west of NSW.

Regards

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