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The Chair
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
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By email to: ipart@ipart.nsw.gov.au

Dear Sir

Re: Comments on Draft Recommendations – Review of Rural Water Charging Systems

The Draft Recommendations that have been released following the recent Review of Rural Water Charging Systems clearly demonstrate that the Peel Valley Water Users Association has once again wasted its efforts in attempting to achieve a more equitable charging system for bulk water in this Valley.

The matters raised during our presentation at the Public Hearing in Sydney, and repeated in our written submission to IPART, have not been mentioned in the Draft Recommendations, and the obvious conclusion is that they were not even considered by IPART.

As foreshadowed in our submission, we will now pursue the option of seeking a legal opinion as to whether it is a “perverse outcome” for the Peel Valley to be paying double the usage charges in the adjoining Namoi Valley, treble the usage charges in the adjoining Hunter Valley, and ten times more than the usage charges paid for water in the Murrumbidgee. If it is determined that this is a “perverse outcome”, State Water is in breach of the Act.

And if this is not a “perverse outcome” from a charging system that is administered by a state owned monopoly, then we do not know what a “perverse outcome” is.

Yours faithfully

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President

Cc - Tamworth Regional Council; Mr Kevin Anderson, MP; ACCC;