

A component of our water entitlements on which we rely considerably are supplementary entitlements. These entitlements provide the opportunity to pump water for limited periods following rainfall events. All irrigators have invested substantially in infrastructure including pump stations, channels and on farm storages to capture this water. The Government in recent times has begun embargoing irrigators' right to pump this water. This has devalued not only their capital investment but also takes away one of the marketing tools of irrigators namely the forward selling of part of their expected crop production. The uncertainty in production caused by possibility of embargoes means irrigators are less likely to lock in favourable prices by forward selling.

We repeat our previous submission that there should be a decrease and not increase in water charges to assist the irrigation industry to survive.

Yours faithfully

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