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Water Management Charges Review for the Peel Valley Regulated and Ground Water users.

I wish to object to the NSW Office of Water requesting price rises four times above existing levels when they still do not have the ability to deliver regular water supplies and have set long term average annual extraction limits of 20%.

It is ludicrous to suggest that they be entitled to the proposed water price increases when we already pay for 100% of our licence and they are incapable of delivering 80% of said licence on a regular basis. No private enterprise could get away with such shonky operations.

Before requesting such exorbitant price hikes they need to increase their competence in service provision.

This bureaucratic money grab is bourn out by their metering scheme which intends replacing the virtually maintenance-free meters which we paid for with 'free' more efficient, less maintenance requiring models but we will be charged up to \$700 per annum for this little exercise! This is government theft by any other name.

Until these government depts. can display efficiency and accountability, further price increases should not be considered. They are meddling with our future and showing scant regard for the long term sustainability of irrigation in the Peel Valley.

Yours sincerely,  
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