

Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal,
P.O.Box Q290
Q.V.B. Post Office NSW ~~1230~~.



The Tribunal,

P.A & D.Hill (licence no. PE/90SLO184670, customer no.39332) is a licence holder on an unregulated part of the Peel river upstream from Chaffey Dam. We have operated a dairy and grazing enterprise since 1930 and 1925 respectively, and currently have an allocation of 108.5 ml. We have complied with an earlier direction to install an approved metering device on the suction side of our irrigation pump. We have recorded our usage since its installation but during that time it has not been attended or read by any Authority.

We are not aware of any costs, apart from administration, incurred by State Water or NSW Office of Water, let alone any justification for an increase, in providing us with an entitlement to draw water if and when the Peel river is flowing.

We are not in a position to assess whether the fees set by IPART in 2006 were justified but it would appear that an increase of 400% , as forecast in the draft , can not be.

We request that any increase should remain within the consumer price index for the period under review.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Derek Hill'.

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