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Dear Sir,

Re: IPART Submission

It appears to us that the terms of reference given to the IPART Commissioners have no bearing on the realities of the present financial position of many irrigators, who have had very little water in the previous eight years and none in excess of two years.

Despite having no water to produce income, the accounts for water charges keep coming, and now we are faced with massive increases and still no water.

We are irrigators in the Gwydir and Namoi Valleys and are struggling to meet increased Government costs in water, electricity, rates etc.

The Commissioners of IPART want to change the rules we have been living under, of the IQQM to a 15 or 20 year period of rolling average which disadvantage our businesses even further.

We urge you to consider this submission, and give some relief under the present circumstances.

We have had no allocation in the Gwydir for the past 27 months and it is desperate times.

Yours faithfully,

**Ian Cush
Director
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