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The Chairperson  
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal  
Bulk Water Review  
PO Box Q 290  
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Re: Proposed Water Price Increases-Brogo River

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to express my concern over the proposed rate hike of water supply and usage for irrigating on the Bega/Brogo river system. The current economic climate puts enough pressure on the farming sectors bottom line without the exuberant price hike proposed by State Water. Having a farm made up of grazing and cropping leaves very little margin for increasing cost.

The proposed increases will force myself and others in similar situations to abandon irrigation usage as it will make current farming practises totally unviable. A recent large investment in irrigation equipment, budgeted over many years will basically be deemed useless if proposed increases go ahead leaving nothing but further debt.

Finally at present we pay a general supply fee on 100% of allocation even if State Water can only supply approximately 60% of our quota. Therefore if water cost were to rise as proposed we would be paying even higher prices for water that we are not receiving.

I ask you to please listen to my concerns and those of others like myself as these increases will truly jeopardise farming in our region forcing more and more good people off the land.

Yours Sincerely

John E Daly /