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November 11, 2005

The Chairman  
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART)  
Bulk Water Review  
PO Box Q 290  
QUEEN VICTORIA POST OFFICE NSW 1230

Dear Sir,

**Re: Proposed Water Price Increases on Brogo River**

We are deeply concerned over the NSW State Government's proposed increase of charges on the Brogo River. Our family operated dairy farm consists of 1400 acres which the Brogo runs through. Our family has been viably farming here for two generations. We are currently producing 2.5 million litres of milk per year which is supplied to our local factory, The Bega Co-operative Society. Our business supports two off farm labour units along with the four family members in the family partnership.

We feel a price increase of this magnitude could not justify the cost for us to continue irrigating pasture, therefore would decrease our milk production by 1 million litres due to the lack of feed capacity. It would also force us to have to adjust our business by reducing staff and minimizing debt levels through the subdivision of rural blocks.

We are disappointed with the state government pricing model of a river system which involves water that if not used runs to salt within two days of leaving the dam. We strongly urge you to reconsider the set pricing changes as a significant increase of this extent will certainly destroy our successful family farm.

Yours sincerely,

Guy Lucas