

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

8 November 2005

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Proposed water pricing increase for users on Brogo River

I would like to object to the proposed increase in water usage prices affecting those dairy farmers irrigating from the Brogo River.

Dairy deregulation has adversely affected all dairy farmers in our region. Following deregulation, we have endured a crippling drought that has seen many farmers discontinue their dairying businesses. To impose such an enormous increase on farmers who are just beginning to recover from deregulation and the drought shows a disregard for the interests of dairy farmers and the Bega Valley community as a whole.

As dairy farmers and local residents, we are deeply concerned how this will affect our community and strongly urge you not to adopt the price increases. There are alternatives to regulating water usage other than raising prices, farmers are well aware of the necessity to conserve water.

Yours faithfully

Michele Tyrrell

for JJ Tyrrell & Sons