

Mr Jim Cox

Chief Executive Officer

Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal

Sir: I write to raise three issues in addition to those raised in submissions from our irrigation scheme (Tenandra Scheme) as well as Macquarie Food and Firbe.

1. Burrendong Dam was built for two reasons:-

a) to protect the city of Dubbo and other smaller towns from flood damage following the record flooding in 1955

b) to support an irrigation industry.

Considering irrigators use only 26 percent of the flows in the Macquarie, it is therefore completely inequitable that we be charged 100 percent of the *user share* of costs. 20 percent of the general security licence is held by NPWS and they are **not** deemed to be *users* who pay.

2. Our scheme is charged for all water pumped and the farmers bear all losses incurred in the delivery of water to their farms. Stock and Domestic users and the environment incur massive losses and storage costs which we are expected to bear. The recently introduced water sharing plan had also reduced our access status in favour of other users.

3. Treasury taking a 7 percent return on investment is totally unrealistic. To expect users of 26 percent of the flows to pay the total costs is out of the question

We ask IPART to address these issues together with those raised by our peak bodies NSWIC and MRFF. We also request an opportunity to attend a public hearing in Dubbo.

Peter O'Brien for Hatton Partnership

Member of Tenandra Scheme