

State Water Corporation  
Price Review 2010.



Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal

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Submission to I.P.A.R.T. re Bulk Water Pricing - Peel River (2010)

I wish to register my objection to the proposed increase in regulated surface water prices to be introduced into the Peel River system in 2010.

The viability of an irrigation industry cannot be sustained if the proposed increase from \$35.00 to \$62.00 is implemented.

Because of the nature of the Peel Valley, the irrigation industry is centered around lucerne hay production. An increase of these proportions would make even top grade hay difficult to sell in a competitive market with other valleys and any lower grade product (because of untimely rain etc) would almost certainly be sold at cost price or below, making for an unsustainable economic situation.

Because of fuel prices, machinery costs and present water costs, profits from Peel River produced hay is already marginal. Price increases of these proportions will not only affect the actual irrigator, but also have a huge knock-on effect to other industry associated businesses within our community.

I implore you to look carefully at the effects of such increases before raising water costs to such an extent.

Yours sincerely

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