

ATTENTION: Mr James Cox

Dear Mr Cox,

I was horrified to hear that the SWC is going for full cost recovery on the Brogo River system from irrigators.

In the last 2 years and most likely again this year, this farm has not made a profit owing to the ongoing drought. I have been seriously questioning whether I should continue to dairy.

I am a fifth generation dairy farmer in this valley but trying to make a living out of this industry is getting very difficult.

I do not have anyone to succeed me on this farm and I seriously doubt anyone would wish to buy it under the current economic situation, which dairying is going through. Therefore, I will have to consider closing down the dairy and ceasing to irrigate if the price of water continue to spiral upward as suggested. This would be a great shame as this has been a dairy property since the 1880's and it would be a great loss to the community if yet another dairy closes.

Dairying is a great benefit to the community in general as it provides not only direct employment but a flow on effect of jobs in transport, the factory and the retail industry in general.

We are providing a service to the community and we do it mostly for the lifestyle but we can not operate at a loss and we are already heading down than path. Please don't put another nail in the coffin !!!

I fully support the submissions by Bega Cheese and NSW Irrigators Council on our behalf.

Yours sincerely

Frank Irving