

Mr James Cox
Chief Executive Officer

R & R Apper Pty Ltd

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Dear Sir

I being the manager of a large family farm myself four sons two grandsons & one employee have found the past year the hardest for many decades to manage financially.

The lack of irrigation water plus increases in water costs will force farmers to review our production methods, if this leads to a decrease in milk supply to Bega Cheese it will hamper their ability to maintain present payment rates. To lose any dairies would affect the whole district as Bega Cheese gives economic stability to this whole region.

For State Water to increase charges even marginally will have an adverse effect on all farmers financially, but to consider increasing charges to cover full cost recovery will have disastrous repercussions not only on irrigators but the whole district.

Regards

Ron Apper