



16th December 2005.

The Chairman
Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal (IPART),
Bulk Water Review
P.O. Box Q290
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Following a meeting with representatives of the Dept. of Natural Resources on the 6th December at Quaama I felt it necessary to write to you to express my concerns about the review of bulk water prices for irrigation licensees and in particular the "Dry River Catchment Area". I am particularly concerned that as an irrigation licensee on an unregulated supply that the review may include people like myself in with the regulated supply licensees, with all it's inherent infrastructure costs etc. that do not apply to us. By this I mean the following:

In contrast, for example, to the Brogo Dam Irrigation Scheme, we have provided our own dams on our own property, from which we irrigate, at our own expense, and as such are required to pay for ongoing maintenance of these structures. In addition, by having our own dams on our property, these structures occupy potentially productive land as against regulated licencees who do not have to provide their own dam infrastructures.

In addition, as unregulated licensees we only harvest water during high flows and store it for use during dry conditions and consequently do not place a pressure on the unregulated streams in our catchment during these dry conditions.

I respectfully request that you take these points into consideration in your review.

Yours faithfully,

Ross Riddett