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To: Fees
Subject: Opposition to Water Licensing fees

To whom it may concern,

I would like to formally register my opposition to the proposed water extraction licensing fees.

There seems to be an opinion that farmers are getting their water for free when the case couldnt be further from the truth. In my case as a farmer I am paying approx \$4000 a year for maintainance and approx \$13000 in deisel to run my irrigation.

Bore license holders are required by licensing conditions to record and send their extraction records to the water authority. thereby negating the need for expensive test bores and these meters while being required as per licensing conditons had to be paid for and installed by the farmers.

My bore is also reaching the end of its life requiring me to drill another, the cost of this will be approx \$45000. Any additional costs will put an onerous burden on me that I cannot pass on. Farming margins are very tight at the best of times.

People on town scheme water which is provided by the government rightfully pay for this service because of the running costs and infrastructure installment.

We Farmers are required AT OUR OWN EXPENSE to install and maintain the infrastructure for ourselves without any assistance from government or other agencies at a far greater cost which in our circumstances does not get passed on to the end consumer of our crop.

Sincerely

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