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To whom it may concern,

I attended the water meeting at Kalbar on the 21st of January, where we discussed the water price pathway for the next 4 years. I am 28 years old have been farming since I left school 11 years ago and am sick of being kicked in the guts. I have an allocation of 200 mega litres and have only been able to use it for the last 2 years. During those 2 years I used all my allocation and had to temporarily transfer water, What a painful exercise that was.

Given the new pricing structure my water bill will go up by 30%, Which is by no means a 'modest' increase. With the increasing cost to electricity to lift the water out of the creek it is getting to the point where I am unable to afford to use any water at all. In the last couple of days we have just experienced the biggest flood in 40 years.

Mine along with many other farmers pumping infrastructure has been lost, something in the order of \$15000 to \$20000 worth of equipment. I am seriously thinking of not reinstalling the pumping facility, which will come out of my back pocket, because of the increased costs of accessing and using the water. In essence the more you increase it the more people are less likely to use the resource.

One thing I did notice at the meeting, there were only a couple of young farmers the rest were elderly, with rising costs like this I fully understand why young people are being discouraged to become a grower.

Yours faithfully

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