

Queensland Competition Authority
Sunwater 2012-17 Irrigation Price Review Chinchilla Weir

I am writing to object to the proposed increase in water charges for Part A from approximately 53% to 90% for the 2012-2017 price review for the Chinchilla weir.

History shows that there are many years when we do not get a 90% allocation and when we do it is often only for a short period and not for the whole year. The new rules for past flows in the weir management plan have not been in for long but have already reduced the available allocations and will continue to do so. It is grossly unfair to charge irrigators for something we don't get.

The present system of having Part A at approximately 50% means that both Sunwater and irrigators share the risk of reduced allocations. This seems a more equitable option than the one proposed. I therefore suggest that Part A should be no more than it is at present (\$18.84) or approximately 53% of the total cost.

Yours faithfully,

Mark Jenyns
Chinchilla Weir Irrigator.