

THIRD ROUND CONSULTATION – ISSUES ARISING

[This note records issues identified, and views expressed, by stakeholders present at the meeting. The Authority is yet to form any opinion on these issues and views. As appropriate, issues will be addressed in the Authority's reports].

Scheme: Boyne River and Tarong WSS

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Background

- Tarong pipeline has some irrigators that take high priority water from the pipeline.

Pricing Framework

Tariff Structure

- Irrigators receive a large bill from SunWater in drought years when irrigators aren't getting any water. In drought years a large amount of irrigator's funds are used up by water bills.
- High Priority stock and domestic users have had no say in what the charges should be, despite being allocated a large amount of costs.

Pricing

- The appropriateness of the government policy that was maintaining revenues in excess of costs, even when the ARR balance was positive, was questioned.

Other

- If SunWater owns the water that flows through the rivers, then it should be responsible for flood damage but no compensation is given to people for the damage caused by flooding.
- SunWater's dam is not considered to provide any additional benefit. SunWater's costs keep rising all the time.