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Mr A. MacDonald

Queensland Competition Authority

Level 19, 12 Creek Street

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Dear Sir

As the Morton Vale Scheme seems to be running economically I believe there should be very little change in pricing.

Replacing water meters when they are in perfectly good working condition is ridiculous as growers cannot afford them. The money saved should be spent on pressurising the line which I think could be done at a reasonable cost.

Are we paying the running costs on the mega litres that have been handed back and did those persons have termination fees? The reason these persons handed back their allocations is because they could not afford them. Our scheme was the first user pay scheme in Queensland. Everybody wanted water but did not realise what they were signing up for and if the capital cost returns there will be more growers dropping out. Prices for produce and grains are as low as they have been for thirty years.

On top of the rising growing costs and increased imported produce the Government has allowed free trade laws.

Yours truly

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Stakeholder

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