

## 2025-29 rural irrigation price review Gatton workshop – summary of issues raised

*This note records issues identified and views expressed by stakeholders present at the QCA's workshop on the draft report for Seqwater's schemes. The QCA is yet to form any opinion on these issues and views. As appropriate, issues will be addressed in the QCA's final report.*

**Schemes:** Central Lockyer Valley, Lower Lockyer Valley, Logan River

**Date of workshop:** 30 July 2024

Topic	Issues raised
Affordability/capacity to pay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some stakeholders considered that irrigation prices were unaffordable, and this was amplified by poor reliability in the Lockyer Valley schemes. The following issues were raised:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is difficult to pay when water is not available, because irrigators are not earning income.</li> <li>It takes a long time for a drought declaration to take effect and deliver support, so another mechanism is needed to deliver relief when water availability is low.</li> <li>The volumetric price should be reduced when dam levels are high to encourage greater water usage (otherwise the water will evaporate).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Poor scheme reliability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some stakeholders said a solution was required to address the poor reliability of the Lockyer Valley schemes. It was suggested that reliability could be improved, but the problem was a lack of investment by the government.</li> </ul>
Metering expenditure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A stakeholder queried how the QCA reached its draft position on the efficiency of metering expenditure, given the QCA's consultant found there was missing data from Seqwater.</li> </ul>
Termination fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A stakeholder queried how termination fees work and their applicability to the Morton Vale Pipeline distribution system.</li> </ul>
Converting costs into the price target	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A stakeholder wanted to understand the formula and calculations for converting allowable costs into the price target.</li> </ul>