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The Chief Executive  
Queensland Competition Authority  
GPO Box 2257  
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Sir

**Re: Irrigation Prices for Seqwater Supply Schemes: 2013-17**

We submit this correspondence in support of the Mid Brisbane River Irrigators Inc submission opposing proposed charges for irrigated water drawn from the Central Brisbane Water Supply Scheme.

It is our understanding that in 1981 the Government at the time approved the 7000 megalitres licensed to Mid Brisbane River Irrigators to be provided free of charge due to the fact that Wivenhoe Dam was constructed for domestic use and not for irrigation. It is also our understanding that this arrangement has been carried through to subsequent Water Regulations and remains in place today.

As a large allocation holder the proposed charges would further increase operating costs in an industry which has suffered significantly in recent times from low commodity prices, rising costs and adverse climatic conditions. To introduce this fee would place irrigators under further financial stress.

Rugby Farm opposes the introduction of irrigation charges for irrigators under this scheme and fully supports the Mid Brisbane River Irrigators Inc submission to your Department.

Yours faithfully

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**Business Manager**