

My submission relates to the proposed Access Charge. I believe this charge will place an unfair impost on the smaller irrigators in the Macintyre Brook system. In my case approximately 13% price rise over and above the current price path. No mention has been made as to how the Access Charge will be treated in the coming price path, is it indexed each year for example. There are a large proportion of smaller irrigators (under the 240ML break even point) in this system that will be severely impacted. Some with allocations under 10ML and some as low as 1ML! As a member of the Macintyre Brook Irrigator Advisory Council I have attended consultation with Sunwater regarding other elements of the water pricing review. There has been no mention of the Access Charge at any of the meetings I attended until an email Dated 25/10/2019, after all other consultation had finished. I feel this is an attempt to slip this proposal past the unsuspecting small irrigators at the last moment! Having said all of the above I hold out little hope of my submission having any influence at all on the outcome of the pricing review. Your sincerely  
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