The price for very poor performing irrigation schemes should not be carried by irrigator or end users of the scheme. If the schemes are not capable of being able to at least deliver 60% reliable supply of water, the overheads of the scheme cost should be reduced significantly. This would ensure the customers are not disadvantaged by the govt or quasi govt body who is operating the scheme. The govt should be the model corporate citizen, not the overcharges bullie. Ian Rickuss