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Dear Mr Page,

**Re: Rural irrigation pricing review 2020-24 and Apportionment of Dam Safety Upgrade Costs**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide further comment to our initial submission regarding the Rural Irrigation Price Review 2020-24 and Apportionment of Dam Safety Upgrade Costs.

Theodore Water Pty Ltd operates the Theodore channel irrigation scheme which provides irrigation water to 44 allocation holders, covering 3000 hectares of land located on either side of the Dawson River.

The company is owned by the scheme's allocation holders and managed by an experienced and committed team of water delivery specialists. Oversight is provided by a six-member Board comprised of local and independent representatives. The company's vision is to provide cost effective and efficient water delivery services to the Theodore region by a local team that's committed to customer service, community engagement and growing the regional economy.

Local ownership includes assets associated with the channel distribution scheme such as channels, pipes, drains and associated pump stations. Bulk water supply assets such as rivers and dams are not included and remain owned and managed by Sunwater. Sunwater continues to deliver bulk water to the channel system while Theodore Water Pty Ltd is responsible for its delivery to allocation holders.

Local ownership of the system ensures that the system is specifically tailored to the needs of the Theodore channel system irrigators with the opportunity for more innovative and flexible ways of operating the water distribution scheme.

As a major customer of the Dawson Valley supply scheme, we believe it is vital to provide the QCA with a practical perspective on proposals which we believe will materially impact the cost of water to local irrigators. To this end, please find following a summary of our comments and concerns pertaining to the Rural Irrigation Price Review 2020-24 and Apportionment of Dam Safety Upgrade Costs report. If we can elaborate further on our submission, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours

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