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Your submission for this review:

Hi there I am a Groundwater user in the upper Namoi area of NSW (Zone 9) and object to the proposed price rises for charges for the period up to 2030. The Government wishes to increase my charges by 98% over this period. In recent years I have seen increases of varying rates and amounts to all my input cost of production including: + council rates (local LGA is currently wishing to increase rates by 38% over 3 years); + wages paid to farm workers; + chemicals including pesticides, herbicides and fungicides; + energy (fuel and electricity) + capital goods (tractors, sprayers, irrigation equipment etc); Unfortunately, the revenue I achieve via my farm's production of grains, fibre and protein are currently falling. We are a price taker and are at the mercy of international and domestic markets and we CAN NOT pass out increases in costs through to our customers. The federal government claims that the inflation rate is falling so why is there the need to increase our charges by a massive 15%pa? Irrigators are forced to pay charges to cover the expenditure of government departments we have no control over! We have no say in the expenditures of WAMC Water NSW or NRAR but just have to pay up!! Please reject the proposal and implement a fairer increase in line with current inflation. Regards [REDACTED]