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Submission to 1 PART regarding DP 49
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We have two concerns.

1 Our concerns about the status of the Lachlan River account. This account contained some \$900,000 of funds raised as the supply charge. It has been under a cloud for the last three years. I noticed that our last submission in 2001 was edited at your public hearing. The above concerns were edited out.

2 From Bult Water Prices 1 Oct 2001.
page 57 Table 9.1

The Lachlan has an unusually low usage 39%. This is determined by the MD3C. CoP
The result is cost/ML used (Max usage) 2003/04
Lachlan \$16.14 } Macquarie \$9.48, Murrumbidgee \$5.65
We submit that Lachlan is unable to bear this competitive disadvantage and that 1 PART. should address the issue of over pricing.

Yours Faithfully
R. Caldwell.

from R. Caldwell

Table 9.1 Increase in typical bills for customers on regulated rivers (2001/02 prices)

Say 29% cap at 2001/02 is reduced by 19% to 70%

	Usage as % entitlement volume ¹	Bill in 2000/01 (\$ per year)	Bill in 2003/04 (\$ per year)	(Increase or decrease) %
Low Security Entitlement = 1,000ML				
Border	750	5,840	7,143	22%
Gwydir	660	5,171	6,150	19%
Namoi	830	10,330	12,633	22%
Peel	210	6,451	9,526	
Lachlan	390	5,145	6,293	23%
Macquarie	610	6,316	5,780	Reduction (-9%)
Far West				
Murray	840	4,791	5,540	16%
Murrumbidgee	730	3,946	4,126	4%
North Coast	50	5,604	8,274	48%
Parana	700	6,005	10,195	48%
South Coast	260	6,382	9,424	48%

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 Cost recovery

390 / 87%

83%

81 / 96%

81 / 87%

12 / 20%

27 / 45%

12 / 19%

Note:

1. DLWC's projections of average long-term usage per valley.

Assumes Cap at 29% of 650,000ML
 = 245,000 (ie less than 250,000 & less than 240,000ML)

Lachlan is 2.7 times price of Murray / M. body
 Increase cap to 66% of 650,000 = 416,000ML
 or reduce staff by 40%
 After all the cap is DLWC restriction forcing Lachlan into uncompetitive position.