

## **Submission to QCA re: Irrigation Prices for SunWater Schemes 2011-2016**

Australia is one of a few countries who are self sufficient in food production (200%) . Australia is the only one of these countries whose agricultural production is not subsidised. Compared with our competitors in the rest of world ie Japan 40% EEC similar and the USA

While Australia Governments ignore the vital importance of farmers providing food & fibre to the Nation, other countries are doing all in their power to keep their farmers producing – even though it means subsidizing them.

Farmers are asked to carry the onus of many of the day to day expectations of urban Australia ie climate change, preserving lands of interest, meeting the Governments locked up land promises, land to mining, industrial & housing development, while still expected to provide huge export dollars.

WATER COST RISES will only hasten the decline of food production in Australia. Increasing the cost of water delivered should be not be judged on the scream from Green Groups & urban population, that agriculture uses or wastes too much water but on sound accounting.

Water price increases will disadvantage Queensland Farmers even more.

Water price increases are not in the best interest of the Nation.

Why.....

Agriculture produces 100% excess food Not only Australia will be fed, other countries need our food

This high rate of production will not continue if input costs continue to rise, while commodity prices are spirally down.

Big export dollars are brought into Gvt coffers

Rises will burden farmers even more.

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