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To: Angus MacDonald; Water (External)
Subject: Water Pricing Re Kalbar Meeting.

Dear Angus McDonald,

Thank you for a well run meeting. I have looked at the figures submitted and spoken to other Farmers on the system. I stated at the meeting that the Seqwater submitted figure of \$30.87/ ml would suit the bigger water users. When they use more than 30% of their water quota it will become cheaper. This system would also cut admin., costs as it would be one cost, one bill and only need to read the meter once a year. I have submitted my figures below.

Seqwater Submitted on summary of prices handout.

Part A \$30.87/ml. No part B
Say 40ml quota @ \$30.87/ml = \$1234.8/ per year

Say 12ml is used@ \$34.52 = \$414.24/year
Plus 40ml Part A @ \$20.39 = \$815.6 /year
Total = \$1229.84/ year

This equates to 30% of water quota used.

The recommended price path (on the handout) is showing a 33% increase, WHY? such a big increase at one time, this should have been moderated. For some people this will be the straw that broke the camel's back, as farm incomes are at there lowest ever. Then what will happen when more irrigators drop out of the system, and others go to bore water and not use the system. This then has a follow on effect for the industries like Dover and Sons, Farm craft and the hardware shop in Boonah (to mention a few). The system is operating at 14% at the moment, It would be much better to grow that figure rather than loose more customers. The prices should be low enough to encourage more people to use it, rather than hand back there quota. There must be a large amount of farmers not using the system.

More pressure should be put on the Government to protect the Milk, Vegetable and cattle industries in this country, because once we loose it, it will be very hard to get back. Look at the cattle industry since the live export debacle, it will take years to recover if ever.

Wishing you all the best for the future.

BJ Shard For BJ, C and PS Shard, and other Farmers up the creek.