

Peak body for five landholder associations and 1600 irrigators in the Murray Valley

Review of the water charge rules: advice development

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In relation to the proposed amendments to the Commonwealth Water Charge Rules Southern Riverina Irrigators wishes to ask some questions:

1. What percentage of the Hume Weir do irrigators in the Murray Irrigation district own, given that they have paid levies and fees to pay for the Weir since its construction?
2. The Yarrawonga Lake used to be kept approximately 1 metre below its current height to store rainfall rejection water from Murray Irrigation Ltd. This freeboard has been reduced.

Have the charges for this installation been reduced? The cost to irrigators is reduced flexibility in water availability. Does the tourism industry contribute to these costs?

3. Is there any variance for water availability in the Charge Rules? Do the rules charge on a full supply all the time?

Regards,

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