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Subject: GMW Price Review

Good afternoon,

I am a large water user (2500ML to 300ML) situated in Zone 1A – Central Goulburn. I am also a part of a Dairy Business Network Group and though I did not personally attend an information session, one of our members was present and reported back to us.

GMW have stated (Ref. GMW Uniform GMID Delivery Charges fact sheet.) that overall, customers understood the rationale for uniform GMID delivery charge & generally accepted the proposed change. I would like it noted that our spokesperson reported back the opposite to this and the many other dairy farmers I have spoken to are also against this.

GMW has stated that they are changing to a uniform GMID delivery charges as this is what their customers want. (Ref. GMW Uniform GMID Delivery Charges fact sheet.) I do not believe this is sound reasoning and I am not in favour of uniform delivery charges.

I also make note that the GMW Price Review consultants, “ have not audited or attempted to verify the data that GMW provided us to support our findings, however our conclusions are based on our understanding of GMW’s tariffs and revenue recovery...” “GMW Price Review - 4 Limitation of our work - General use restriction”

I also make objection to the increase in the Entitlement storage Fee for Goulburn High Reliability. I would have liked to have the Entitlement storage fee for Goulburn High Reliability & Goulburn Low Reliability to have been a lower cost per Megalitre when used for agriculture and increased for non agricultural users. Currently it is cheaper if your water is disassociated from land and this is usually investors and environmental water holders.

I also strongly oppose the increase in the exit fee, especially if it is due to the connections project. I do not believe there should be an exit fee.

I also object to GMW basing information on the outcome of the connections project as I do not believe it, the connection project, is based on sound facts and or information. I feel the Connections Project requires an inquiry.

My apologies for this disjointed email, this has been my only opportunity to respond & I realised I was running out of time.

Yours in good faith,

Loretta Warren