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document: I fully endorse the submission of the Mole & Sovereign Water Users' Association and that of Border Rivers Food and Fibre both of which I am a member. The Mole River is an unregulated stream and all irrigators on the Mole River have only small licences in the overall scheme of things. We don't make a living out of irrigation-- the river is not reliable ie it doesn't flow all the time and we are not permitted to pump when it is not flowing. My situation, and most others are similar, is that I irrigate a small acreage (20 acres at most) of lucerne to make hay principally for my own stock and sell any that is surplus prior to my first cut in the spring. I also irrigate a similar area of oats if necessary (insufficient rain) for my cattle to graze. My licence is only 146 ML. The expense for me to install and maintain a meter surely cannot be justified. The river has not flowed for the majority of this year which has exacerbated the drought for us because of not being able to irrigate. Who knows when our first cut of lucerne will be this season to replenish our own supplies let alone sell any. Like everyone else this drought has hit us hard financially. We simply cannot afford to spend money where it is not justified.

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