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<b>Are you an individual or representing an organisation?</b>	Individual
<b>Proposed changes to recording and reporting requirements</b>	
<b>The draft public exhibition regulation includes proposed changes to the recording and reporting mandatory conditions. Do you have any comments on the recording and reporting requirements?</b>	Yes
<b>If yes, please include your comment below and indicate whether it relates to works</b>	C. required to have a meter, data logger and telemetry - clause 244 of the regulations
<b>Please provide your comments on the proposed recording and reporting requirements</b>	<p>Issues we have are with the date being December 1st 2019 to be absolute validated, as the departments preference of telemetry type has not been announced. I have been using telemetry on my Mace for several years for my own management but understand it may have to be changed to suit the departments preference. Surely the telemetry deadline can be taken forward to 1st December 2020, also making sure the department has the right system and up and running successfully. How can pipes over 1200mm be expected to be installed and have telemetry and be pattern approved when at this stage their is none? Even most brands above 600mm that are not Mace are so expensive and hard to source, and find certified technicians for that they are not worth considering. As Mace are the majority choice for many reasons, surely a time extension, if it needed for them to accredit AS4747 would make sense, as long as they were obliging and were actively doing their best to meet the standards.</p> <p>Are their any funding arrangements to help with irrigators meet</p>

the new standards, when through no fault of their own they are not meeting the new requirements, when they have been installed by certified installers under the old requirements?

**Draft public exhibition regulation**

**Do you have any other comments on the draft public exhibition regulation?**

Yes

**If yes, please provide your comments.**

Unfortunately I was away at the time of the Moree exhibition and the nearer exhibitions so could not attend. Comments I have heard was dissatisfaction in the process seemingly being rushed to suit a deadline that the department is a long way of being ready for and may not get it right, and cause a lot of people undue heartache and cost to irrigators at the same time. A suggestion would be to have the telemetry deadline at 1st December 2020, and we have our meter installations validated. Testing cannot be done until there is water allocation available. With all northern valleys on zero allocation and next to no carryover, all valleys and sites will come up for testing at once. If meters are found to be incorrect and need to be sent away or replaced, this will put a huge strain on the suppliers and technicians. We need a process as to be able to legally take water until it is sorted, or irrigators will lose the crop. By having the installation validated, at least the department has assurance there is a correctly installed meter and the user is actively doing their best to comply to the guidelines. Irrigators want the meter right also. Water is a valuable and limited resource and we need to make sure we are getting our entitled share as well as other users are getting their entitled share.