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## Water Metering Submission

Recommendation: That those Publicly held metering installations where the landholder doesn't wish to participate in the 'voluntary' transfer of ownership remain in Government ownership under the existing arrangements.

Recommendation: That irrigators with publicly held metering installations have representation at any discussions between WaterNSW and the Department in identifying the issues and finding solutions to provide a way forward.

Recommendation: That the government fully fund and make compliant all metering installations that they currently **own**, and have them validated and verified by a 'duly qualified person'.

Recommendation: That where any transfer of ownership occurs, the depreciation component of the annual fees and charges be refunded.

Recommendation: That data loggers not be required on meters equipped with telemetry with built in data capacity.

I am being brief in this submission as I am away tending to family matters and don't have time to provide a more comprehensive submission. Please see MVPD submission for additional depth of discussion.

Feedback from pumpers on why they didn't attend the meeting in Deniliquin basically came down to they are too busy working to take a day to travel to Deniliquin and back for a few hours of 'being told and not listened to by government.' Effectively , they are disillusioned by years of inadequate consultation.

When asked about doing submissions the general response was 'Why bother? It's a waste of time trying to get them to see sense about the metering...or anything. They don't listen, they don't care and they have no common sense anyway.'

So I suspect the number of submissions you receive will be small and not reflective of the level of interest and concern.

In a phone call on Sunday from a pumper was particularly interesting. In discussion about the potential 'voluntary' transfer of ownership, he asked how they could possibly expect pumpers to voluntarily accept ownership of installations that are not compliant and therefore not fit for purpose. It's a bit like expecting some-one to accept an unroadworthy car to transport the family around in after taking their car that was fit for purpose at the time and replacing it with a 'state of the art' model. Then charging annual fees for maintenance and depreciation and once it needs updating for roadworthy to be 'fit for purpose', passing it over again.

Unrolling the rollout will potentially be worse than unscrambling an omelette. Leave publicly owned meters in public ownership.

Regards

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