

Dear Sir/Madam

I am extremely concerned by the manner in which NSW Government agencies are seeking to transfer ownership of state owned water metering equipment to landholders.

Please table my submission of recommendations below.

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.

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Finally I would like my submission to be publicly available.