

# Queensland Competition Authority

Attention: Mr Angus MacDonald

From BM Bernitt & CD Summerville

Licence No. 56235c

Dear Sir,

We have a 80 Megalitre Licence to service our property, which comprises of 230 hectares of which only 30 hectares is cultivation.

During the flood of 2011 we suffered major damage to our river banks which made part of our property unuseable. An estimate to repair the damage is \$250,000 plus. Also our irrigation suction lines and foot valves and fibro underground were washed away. To restore our irrigation site alone cost \$6800.00.

We manage our irrigating responsibly as power costs are high and still rising. We have in the past grown small crops, but it now has become uneconomical. Due to fluctuating prices we now concentrate on lucerne and cattle feed, as we are over retirement age but still working.

Neither Somerset or Wivenhoe Dams were built for irrigation so we feel it is unfair to charge for the water as we have approximately 5.5 km of river bordering the property, we don't need to rely on dam water.

We also spray noxious weeds in the riparian areas which is a significant cost to us, for herbicide and the cost of machinery and labour.

I believe any charge that is imposed will cause us financial hardship and therefore spraying of noxious weeds and cleaning the river banks will cease because of the cost involved.

Any inspection of this flood damage would be welcome and greatly appreciated. Any inspection can be arranged by phoning 54643726 mobile 0417745709.

Yours Sincerely,

  
Betty Bernitt & Crispina Summerville

Signed by B Bernitt Power Of Attorney for CD Summerville.