

Murgon workshop—issues raised

This note records issues identified and views expressed by stakeholders present at the QCA's initial workshop for the 2025-29 irrigation pricing review. The QCA is yet to form any opinion on these issues and views. As appropriate, issues will be addressed in the QCA's draft report.

Schemes: Barker Barambah, Boyne River and Tarong, Upper Burnett

Date of workshop: 12 February 2024

Topic	Issues raised
Sunwater's proposed costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A stakeholder stated that there was a lack of transparency in Sunwater's electricity costs and that they would like to see a split between fixed and variable electricity costs. • Stakeholders were interested in finding a solution to the relatively high pumping costs associated with the Redgate re-lift tariff group, including potential infrastructure investments that would reduce the need for pumping. • Some stakeholders expressed concern with Sunwater's relatively high overhead costs.
Tariff structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholders raised concerns about relatively high Part A (fixed) charges, noting that this affects their ability to pay when water availability is low.
RAB vs annuity approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One stakeholder noted that support for a regulatory asset base (RAB) approach within the Barker Barambah scheme was mixed and wanted to know how the RAB approach would be implemented and how it would perform relative to the annuity approach.
Customer engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One stakeholder queried whether there was more that could be done to increase turn out/response rates during the engagement process.