

As a land owner/farmer in the Burdekin region I am concerned and disappointed with the draft review recommendations for the Giru Benefitted area. Our family has farmed in the area for over 72 years and have invested in land purchases in and outside of the GBA, with the knowledge of the different pricing structures for water and vastly different supply systems.

I'm disappointed that the QCA has given no recognition of the financial investment growers have made in water security for the GBA and effectively dismissing the natural Yield that has, and continues to support production now and prior to Burdekin Falls Dam supplemented water.

As a family operated business our financial planning is based on the present pricing, and have invested in the necessary pumping infrastructure and land improvements. The proposed increases in water charges for the GBA will devalue the farm and its capacity to be financially viable thus limiting future investment. Please consider the attached submission