

Mr Mark O'Sullivan
Qld Competition Authority

Good afternoon Mark,

I will not be attending as I have sold my farm land and do not live in the district, however I kept my 600ML of Tinaroo Dam water as a superannuation investment and last water year 08-09 managed to Temporary Transfer it to Stanwell Hydro at cost, they had not Temporary Transferred water before, however despite Tinaroo Dam being at 89% Stanwell Hydro has declined to use so far my 09-10 water. It would be a great help to irrigators to have a home for spare water. If water cost is a problem for Stanwell Hydro than they should not be taking water from the Dam storage because as you know water is supposed to find it's way to the highest value use via the market...which is my next issue

I believe there is insufficient disclosure of the sale price of permanent water transfer, added to this the Qld Govt via The Dept of Environment and Resource Management has imposed a charge

If the people of Cairns knew what they could have purchased Tinaroo Dam water for a few years ago compared with what they are going to have to pay for new water from any new source there would be a riot. Interestingly the Qld Deputy of Environment and Resource Management has finally released their second Draft FNQ Regional Water Supply Strategy with no estimated costings for their recommendations or rejections. If people have no knowledge of what future water supplies are going to cost then they cannot judge what existing supplies are worth...

I hope your efforts go well,, I will be contributing but I believe the above are urgent matters within your normal scope..

Regards
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