

The Secretariat

Att: Chris

I have viewed the review terms of reference and have concerns about the Victorian Government Review of The Water Act 1989 and recent tabling of The Water Amendment Bill 2014.

I do not believe it is in the public interest to continue down a path of no choice or competition in the harvesting, storage and delivery of water in this state or nationally for that matter. I have no doubt the Government wishes to build the current corporatised water monopolies to a profitable point where they can be sold .I harvest ,store and deliver my own water despite still being charged a land tax ,now termed a capacity charge when I have no connection to the monopoly water authority Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water. This must stop!

I have had a history of involvement in Competition Policy and Trade Practice issues and Victorian Governments have rarely been genuine about transparent and independent reviews of legislation pursuant to the Competition Policy Reform Act(timetable for reform) and the Trade Practices Act now the Competition Act 2010(Cth) I hope you will receive this submission. I would be happy to discuss these issues and any changes to be made. I would be happy for this submission to be public. I believe there is very strong feeling in the community about infrastructure issues in general and water choices in particular.

Yours sincerely

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