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Having moved to the country 9 years ago we are now unfortunately going to leave for the sole reason that Gmw Infrastructure Access Fee has been too excessive and we cannot even break out of it without 10 years worth of fees charged \$5000 per year (\$50,000 to exit).

We cannot understand how or why this IAF is charged. It seems to be a charge for nothing as we do not and have not used any water.

From what I've heard back in 2008 the IAF was introduced as a measure to keep money coming in after land & water were separated.

Unfortunately this meant that in my situation I am paying a fee \$5000 as if my land was using 100m³ of water even though we use nothing. On the other hand water traders/investors are free to trade and make money as per sharemarket and make profit without contributing to the IAF like landholders do. This is unfair playing field.

Unfortunately most farmers I talk to are concerned with this but don't come to these meetings to discuss it. My wife, 3 daughters and myself on the other hand have had enough and will be leaving the land and going back to Melbourne.

The IAF is illegal, it makes no sense and has no merit. It is a lie that it is for infrastructure. It was put in place to prevent Gmw from going under due to water sell offs.

Sincerely

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