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Rural irrigation price review 2025–2029  
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### **Submission from Giru Benefitted Area Committee**

**The Giru Benefitted Area Committee** welcomes the opportunity to make a submission, as a stakeholder, on behalf of irrigators in the Giru Benefitted Area by giving our support and endorsement to the joint submission lodged by **Queensland Cane Agriculture and Renewables Ltd (QCAR)**

With approximately 3100 ha under cane Giru GBA irrigators are responsible for an annual sugar cane production of over 320 000 tonnes with a current value of more than \$20 000 000 . As well as small cropping and hay production in the GBA area. GBA irrigators are contributing more than \$84 000 000 in economic activity in Queensland, 240 jobs and \$14.5Million in Wages.

Growers have established their cropping businesses growing sugar cane based on the price of irrigation water that for over 30 years has recognised the existence of an aquifer and natural yield asset accessed by GBA irrigators.

The Giru town, the Invicta sugar mill and other associated businesses and services such as harvesting, planting, land preparation, agribusinesses rely on the economic wellbeing of GBA irrigators for survival and future prosperity.

We have major concerns relating to the Authority's previous recommendation that proposes prices that transition to a higher price target for Giru Benefitted Area customers that is the same as for Burdekin Channel tariff group customers.

Yours faithfully,



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On behalf of the Giru Benefitted Area Committee