



The Peak body for five landholder associations and 1600 irrigators in the Murray Valley

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Car racing has taken precedence over the needs of drought stricken food producers in NSW.

Southern Riverina Irrigators chairman Ted Hatty said he was shocked at the NSW Government announcement yesterday of \$30M for a car racing venture in Sydney.

“The Government can find funds for a new car racing venture in Sydney but cannot support their drought stricken food producers by reducing fixed charges.

“As the representative group of 1,600 irrigators we are continually told there simply isn't any money available to assist drought stricken food producers to pay their fixed water charges.

“This latest announcement shows there is money available but that food producers are not a priority.”

“The NSW State government is still charging for fixed charges even when their farmers are suffering with a zero water allocation and limited stock and domestic water supplies.

“It is extremely frustrating that our voice is not being heard by our political leaders and particularly by our own state.” Mr Hatty concluded.

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