

Senate Finance and Public
Administration Committee.

Dear Sir,

I am a 66 year old lifetime farmer and would like to outline my concerns on how my property rights will be taken away through Old. Govt. Regulation. We are been forced to pay for meters to be put on our bores to control our water use. Our situation is we have been permittted to drill for water on the understanding that we could use the water we found.

We then equip the bore, set up a irrigation system, pay a premium for land ~~because~~ because of the underground water, pay excessive rates, and then have controls put on our water use. We are further humiliated by compliance officers coming on to our properties demanding information on our bores and threatening fines up to \$165,000-00 if we use water without their permission.

I am now at an age where I would have to give up farming where I have always supported myself without ever any Govt. Assistance. Without useable water the value of my farms would drop a considerable amount which would enable me to receive a pension and I would be another burden on the country.

Thanking you for your Consideration

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