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Founding member (1982)  
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### **Member submission - Peel Unregulated WSP Review**

Professor Hugh Durrant -Whyte  
Dear Sir,

I am a unregulated water entitlement holder in the Cockburn Valley and have been farming in this valley for 58 years.

Our partnership of 4, all work on the properties, employing 1 fulltime and 2 part time employees.

Access to irrigation water is vital for the production of, fodder - cereal crops - grain - hybrid seed production and livestock.

The Water Sharing plan sets out a framework for how water is to be properly managed. As a farmer I recognise the importance of rules to protect this resource for environmental needs and other users.

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### **My comment on the WSP for the Cockburn River.**

I agree with the proposed amendment in Division 2, (flow classes and daily access rules), pages 42 and 43, to **Zero flow at Kootingal gauge 419099, for the very low flow class and the A class.** This amendment will bring the Cockburn river access rules into line with many other unregulated streams in the area, resulting in ease of management and uniformity across the Peel Unregulated Streams. This will enable irrigators using the Cockburn River to have confidence in the future of their enterprise.

Yours sincerely

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