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Dear Bill,

Some months ago ~~the~~ our Water District sent out a questionnaire. From it I did not get the information that I would like to have, so I thought that I might do a little work of my own. I want to get a comparison of costs and set-up as between a few Districts and our own.

We operate under a private Company system. For delivering water the Co. charge the user at the rate of \$6.00 per Acre Foot, with a discount of 5 % if paid when water is turned on.

Some years ago a Water District was formed, and we went ahead and built a reservoir dam with money from the Government - you and I were in Victoria at the same time. To pay this off the District charges One Dollar per acre per year. Very little of this is set aside for a reserve.

Most growers use about two Ac. Ft. per acre, costing them, with discounts, about \$12.40 per acre for water. In the end the growers will own a dam, but the head gates and all the system will still be in the name of the Company. The system was put in 30 years ago. It is supposed to be kept in repair, but some day ^{soon} there will be a very serious outlay required. The Company may or may not carry on. Apart from the system they have no assets, and it would appear that there is a very heavy mortgage against the system.

From the above you will see that I have something to worry about. For my information I wonder if you would kindly give me a few facts about your set-up in Kaleden such as What does your water cost to-day? When might you expect to reduce your capital levy? After you have paid off your loan what do you figure the grower should be paying for water.

Any information you can give me along these lines will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

James Goldie.