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Samuel Smith established his first vineyards and winery just outside Angaston in the Barossa region of South Australia in 1849. His direct descendants have been crafting fine Australian wines there ever since.

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14th December 2017

The Secretary
Legislative Council Select Committee – Tasmanian Irrigation
Legislative Council
Parliament House
HOBART 7000

This submission is for consideration by the Legislative Select Committee reviewing the management of irrigation water rights, infrastructure and assets currently administered by Tasmanian Irrigation (TI).

Jansz Tasmania is a sparkling wine company with vineyard assets in Pipers River, Coal River Valley and White Hills. Jansz is owned by the Hill-Smith Family who are based in South Australia with 168 years of history in the wine business. We are a global business, selling wine in over 50 countries with vineyard and winery operations in four Australian States, New Zealand and California. Irrigation water is an essential resource for our business and having water rights in many areas, from many schemes, TI is as good as if not better than any other organisation or body that we deal with. We are very happy with the Tasmanian schemes, TIs service and personnel that we are involved with.

We couldn't have developed or operated 3 of our Tasmanian vineyards without irrigation schemes' water. These vineyards are the Parish Vineyard (60 hectares using 100ML of SEIS3 water), Woodside Vineyard (42 hectares using 80ML of SEIS3 water) or Glenview (40 hectares using 100ML of NEIS water).

Access to adequate, clean and reliable irrigation water has enabled us to improve production of existing plantings and to facilitate expansion of further vineyard area. Irrigation water is not only necessary for vineyard development but an ongoing requirement to maintain healthy, productive growth of premium fruit destined for sparkling wine under our Tasmanian brand.

As a winegrowing business, our knowledge and experience lies in the growing and making of premium Tasmanian wine. We have no interest, nor indeed expertise, in the self-management of an irrigation water resource.

TI has demonstrated a high degree of professionalism in our business relationship with them. This has been evident from the outset of the South East Irrigation Scheme 3 (SEIS3), Sorell, through initial stages of planning and consultation, compliance with environmental laws, building of infrastructure and management of the ensuing water resource. It also covers some SEIS1 water that we purchased when we bought a vineyard and continues to be valuable to us with the current development and installation of the North Esk Irrigation Scheme (NEIS).

We have the utmost respect for TI as a full-time management team with proven expertise in the holistic governance of water scheme infrastructure. It is important to us that there is an impartial management body that has the knowledge and understanding to ensure compliance with environmental laws together with agricultural best-practice, and hence maintaining a sustainable resource that is accessible for all, for the long-term.

We also deem it important to have a solely dedicated team ensuring provision of a fully maintained and functional irrigation water service. We trust that this ensures availability and reliability when we require the scheme service, that water quality is monitored and that there is fair, unbiased allocation of water resources. We also acknowledge the many and varied broader responsibilities required of TI such as liaising with Hydro, negotiating efficient energy usage and cost, administering dam safety reporting and facilitating water right sales and trading.

We wholly support the continued management of Tasmania's irrigation schemes by Tasmanian Irrigation. We understand that TI's management team is evolving as the business matures and the focus is to provide a cost efficient reliable supply of quality irrigation water to those who have invested in this valuable resource.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Waterman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

NICK WATERMAN
Managing Director