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Senator NASH (New South Wales—Deputy Leader of The Nationals in the Senate) (18:08): You might think that, Minister, but I could not possibly comment! It stands perfectly to reason, though, and I think it is a very valid question: if the increased electricity costs are going to be a disincentive for more efficient irrigation, isn't that going to be a perverse outcome of the carbon tax? It is going to end up being worse for the environment rather than better.