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I refer to the issues paper's page numbers in my response. There are 12 variables that affect how pricing is set, page 4. My particular interests are the price aspects and inflation, page 4. Health concerns are also an important concern for current infrastructure and a proposed water recycling of waste water to be used as drinking water, page 7. When it comes to raising water prices by an average of 14% PA, that is greater than the general inflation rate of 3%. The basis of the general inflation rate includes the basket of groceries NOT water rates which plays a minor role in calculating the general inflation. Hence it would be misleading to justify the 14% PA increase on water impacting little on the general inflation rate. Furthermore given the increase in population growth should mean an increase in revenue to the water entities. As a person on a pension, it is disgusting that the proposal to increase water rates is greater than inflation. People are already under budgetary pressures, so raising rates greater than the rate of inflation when water rates are a small factor in calculating the inflation rate is disgusting. Therefore any raise in the price of water rates should be pegged at inflation and the increased population increases revenue to the water entities. When it comes to health guidelines, page 7, my concern is not about the waste water being recycled. Instead my concern is the recycled sewage turned into drinking water. Prima facie, recycled sewage into drinking water is used in London and Singapore. Currently the water we drink is recycled naturally through evaporation and precipitation. It is also recycled through desalination. The human-made recycling methods replicate the natural means of recycling. However despite the bacterial count of artificially recycled being superior to natural recycled, my concern that the artificial methods of recycling raw sewage may not filter any hormones, medications and illicit drugs and consumers may not be protected from these substances as their molecules are smaller than the filters. Conclusions: peg water increases to inflation and concern about pensioners who are most sensitive to price increases and caution on whether recycled sewage will be able to remove molecules of medication. Thank you Anthony Pleticos, LLB(UNSW)