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Your submission for this review:

Sydney Water is proposing that in order to meet its objectives an 18% price increase is necessary next year and 7% in following years. These increases being over and above inflation. Sydney Water is a State-owned corporation and operates as a monopoly. Post Covid Australia has suffered high inflation which combined with high interest rates and escalating housing costs has had a crippling impact on the cost of living and many people's capacity to meet their commitments. Private enterprises trading in a competitive environment cannot ratchet up their prices in the manner proposed by Sydney Water. The scale of the proposed increases would be a severe impost on the people and businesses of Sydney, would be highly inflationary and reflects remarkable [REDACTED] of Sydney Water. The proposed increases must be wound back and to the extent they are driven by meeting increased demand, a widescale public educational and technical campaign should be mounted to reduce consumption.