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Your submission for this review:

Our property has historically (over 50 years) been drawing water from the same point for domestic use only. There is no farming, irrigation or animals on the property. There are no pumps involved. All water is gravity fed through a 1" intake. The water is only for household use. With the changes in the 'water system' over the past few years and increasing charges, we feel we are being over charged for our water. Our water use is negligible in the flow of the water course. While the water course flows along the boundary of our property, our intake is upstream to allow gravity feeding and avoid the use and running costs of expensive pumps. We are entitled to draw water without charge along our boundary but this would involve the use of pumps, fuel and the production of greenhouse gases. Because of this choice we are forced to pay the minimum charge for the same water we would use if the water is drawn from 50m downstream. We feel the minimum charge is too expensive for what we receive. The water charges seem to be aimed at the 'big users' and the system doesn't appear to allow for our simple, modest, household use of a stream. We would like to see a category that caters for very simple domestic use of water such as ours as described above, with an exemption of all charges.