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As a long time resident of Hunter Region, it amazes me how Hunter Water have the audacity to request price rises for water usage. The Hunter Region is the second quickest area in NSW as far as growth and population, they are the same as Councils the more new subdivisions are built the more income they receive thru rates. But they keep submitting price increases, what ever happened to the good old user pays instead of everyone paying more, people living in apartments would shurley pay less than someone living on an old quarter acre block of land but no these people think that it is ok to put up prices across the board. Just like councils they want to put up prices on rates and give rate payers less in maintaining the water infrastructure. Residents in newer subdivisions such as Fletcher, Cameron Park, Chisholm should have to pay less for maintenance on newer infrastructure than residents living in Waratah, Wallsend and Merewether areas as there are always burst water mains more frequently happening. For a very long time Councils and water Authorities just think that it is ok to put up prices when they think they need more income, they think that the people of this country are so gullible they they will not contest the proposed price rises. Municipal Councils are the same, all they provide is rubbish removal once a week and they expect people to pay \$1000s for waste removal each year. The abode where i am currently living for the past 14 years and have never seen a street sweeper and there is no public reserve within 6kms and my land rates go up every year and i supposedly live in one of the quickest growing council areas outside Sydney. So my reckoning is that it should be USER PAYS. Household appliances are supposed to have been made more efficient over the years as well, so therefore water usage should also be on the incline. So finally I do not agree with a rate increase because they are getting more revenue from people taking up residence in new subdivisions