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The cost of living is hitting everyone. Electricity and gas utilities have gone through the roof and are biting everyone whose wages, pensions, other forms of income like superannuation have not risen to the same extent if at all. An 18% rise followed by yearly 7% rises with inflation added (so really at present about 10% rises in following years) is a bridge too far. Ability to access water is a human right. I would have said electricity and gas is too but the unnavigable pricing and plans that exist in that realm and policy failures of government have meant that horse has bolted. To propose such huge increases with water (on a continuing basis) is basically committing the same act on a population that is already under financial stress. The amount being proposed needs to be drastically modified or abolished. Human rights should not be user pays, water infrastructure should be under the remit of government because taxpayers provide for this through direct taxation, charges, penalties, GST, and a myriad of other forms of indirect taxation, particularly by the State government. [REDACTED] 3 December 2024