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Dear Sir/ Madam, Sydney Waters proposed price increases are poorly timed, unnecessary, and will add to the already heavy cost-of-living pressures faced by NSW residents. These hikes will trigger a ripple effect across the economy, leading to higher prices for products and produce, ultimately causing consumers to bear the brunt of increased costs twice over. NSW is already Australia's most expensive state, with residents enduring higher taxes while receiving a disproportionate share of federal funding. It is unreasonable for NSW taxpayers to be further burdened with covering infrastructure costs that should rightfully be funded by the NSW Government through tax revenues. Taxpayer dollars, especially those raised from the significant increase in stamp duty, should be allocated to maintain and repair Sydney Waters infrastructure rather than shifting the financial responsibility onto consumers. This situation is a consequence of previous governments' poor management and their decision to privatise assets and utilities, which has only led to escalating costs for taxpayers. It is unfair to expect NSW residents to pay more due to past mismanagement and asset sell-offs. Continual price hikes will further strain household budgets as these costs are inevitably passed on through higher prices for goods and services. Retailers, including major supermarkets like Coles and Woolworths, often seize such increases as opportunities to raise prices beyond what is justified by utility hikes, further squeezing consumers. This creates a cycle where NSW taxpayers are unfairly forced to shoulder escalating costs across multiple fronts. In summary, Sydney Waters proposed price increases are not justified and would exacerbate financial hardship for NSW residents. The NSW Government should take responsibility by using existing tax revenues to fund necessary infrastructure repairs and improvements, preventing further economic strain on its citizens.