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To Whom it May concern, This submission relates to the increase in water pricing 18% first year and 7% subsequent. Creating a total increase of 25% over a two year period. In short this figure appears excessive. Sydneysiders should not be punished for poor planning, management and government decisions. When looking at the pricing tariffs please consider the following: Properties entering the market - Increases in large multi-level unit blocks. Each unit will have service fees and usage charges, therefore income regarding water and water services will increase. This is money able to be used for infrastructure. An example, some areas were ear-marked for around 435 units, under the current NSW state Labor government this figure was been authorised to be doubled to over 800 units. For every unit water service fees and usage will apply. Remembering that Sydney water only services pipes/plumbing up to a point. Where the property boundary changes the owners are responsible for the plumbing and the building. Usage of water may vary over an annual period. Calculating the numbers: Say a 1-bedroom unit receives a water service charge of \$180 a quarter and one quarter of the units in the block are of this size. The service charges will equate to \$36,000 ( $\$180 \times 200$ ). Say for every person in the unit water usage is \$150, this equates to a further \$30,000 ( $\$150 \times 200$ ). This is a total of \$66,000 for one quarter of the 800-unit building. This does not account for the remaining 600 units. This is only for one quarter of the year. Therefore, the annual money received will be \$264,000 ( $66,000 \times 4$ ). If all 800 units were 1 bedroom incurring the same costs this would be a total of \$1,056,000 ( $264,000 \times 4$ ). This is an estimate only for example purposes. Most unit blocks consist of 1, 2- and 3-bedroom units. So, the money received from a property of 800-units would be significantly higher than the figure of \$1,056,000. Money collected from Sydney water will increase with such unit developments. The money is there and in the 'pipe line' with current and future builds. For every dollar collected by Sydney water it needs to be used in a manner that supports productive and sustainable water to Sydney. Environmental impact - Badgerys Creek International Air port - this will have devastating impact on the atmospheric temperatures, the state of water through atmospheric heating and cooling therefore effecting rain water and water catchment, future flooding, air pollution and wild fires. The State government should be seeking ongoing reparation and compensation from the Federal Government as to the environmental impacts the air port will have on Sydney. Of the money collected, there should be a designated fund to support the objectives of Sydney water given the significant environmental changes that will come to Sydney's western suburbs with the introduction of the air port. Current cost of living - People in Sydney are struggling with the cost of living. Excessive pricing increases will add to this burden. In reading the report 'Our Water, Our Voice Strategic Customer Engagement' Program Phases 1-6 Final Report, please approach with caution. In reading this report there are a number of concerns. The demographic is not listed. It states a Discrete Choice Experiment (DCE) was conducted and used to analyse data. The data appears distorted and in favour of increasing prices. The report suggests that low-socio economic catchments were not included in the survey or if included, again, the data appears distorted. There are a number of blanket statements in favour of Sydney water increasing prices. For example, that renters were willing to pay an extra \$6.50 per month on their rent to achieve the same outcome page 8. This statement appears inconsistent with the current the rental market in Sydney. Where rent increases have proven to be challenging and vacancy rates are extremely low. These statements are throughout the document indicating people are willing to pay more. Renters generally only pay for usage and the cost-of-service provisions fall on the owners. Increasing prices excessively is undesirable for all. The statements in the report appear inconsistent with the current cost of living crisis people are facing, particularly in broader Sydney. The report should be viewed with extreme caution as the drafting of the document is not independent of the benefiting party being Sydney Water. The report is opinion based and gives no reference to any independent research or other analysis to fact check the document. The reliability of the document is questionable. This submission is only a fraction of what could be discussed. Again, please take due consideration when setting the pricing of water. A single dollar will not cause the rain to fall in drought. Good governance, planning and infrastructure management is vital for our water sustainability. Please do not punish those who call broader Sydney home. Thank you for your time.