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Your submission for this review:

I have the following issues

1. Timing: As we hopefully recover from The COVID crisis the reality of the financial burden of the challenge is still with many. The Covid financial recovery, the recent proposal to extend the general rate increase through to 2027, the financial state of the Central Coast Council, the uncertain outcomes of the inquiry into the cause of the CCC financial situation, the distrust of the council and increasing costs (petrol, insurance etc) all point to a negative financial outlook for many in the community.
2. The Scope of the Increase: 34% is a huge increase and that is for the "Typical Household" I would be in favour of the B option presented the CCC pricing option.
3. Distribution of Burden: Households have to absorb the entire increase from a fixed income stream. Businesses have some potential to adjust pricing and pass the increased water rates cost to customers. This is a huge issue for house on small fixed incomes.
4. Capital Works: I noted in the CCC's submission that desalination was a means of dealing with water security. The expense of desalination is, in my view the most expensive way of securing water supply with huge maintenance costs in down time and extended periods needed to bring on line when needed. CC residents were told in the past that the infrastructure built for the water sharing arrangement with Hunter Water would secure our water supply.
5. Big Business: The extension of the Delta coal mines on the CC and proposed increased life of the mines and Delta' s Vales Point Power Station will put additional pressure on water security. In Delta Coal's scoping report for the extension of mining area an amount of 160ML/PA of potable water from the CCC was mentioned. Are increased rates helping to fund infrastructure that will become stranded assets?