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Your submission for this review:

I disagree with the need to increase water and sewer on top of the rates SRV. Residents are being made to pay exorbitant increases and are being told at the same time that there will be a reduction in services. The council mismanaged it's finances and decided the way to fix it was to reduce services, make staff (locals who contribute to the economy and provide services) redundant and then, on top of saying there will be less services, are now asking us to pay more for the privilege of having reduced services. I don't know what the answer is here, but fleecing residents from all sides on too of giving them less than we were getting before is unacceptable and seems immoral. Perhaps selling Water & Sewer would be the best option for them? At least it would be out of the hands of the incompetent ELT who caused the issues and have not been called to account at all. I would also note that, whilst council argue that water rates have remained low, they forget to mention that the service fees are higher than both Sydney and Hunter water.