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Your submission for this review:

I have been a ratepayer with Central Coast Council for 22 years. Since the amalgamation of councils the increase in water rates has been slyly hidden in a new way to charge, from being part of the rates, to now being a separate charge billed quarterly. This has been a large increase in costs to ratepayers and now council wants to raise the water costs to the value of around \$300 per year. This charge is ludicrous and has the taste of gouging. How are everyday, hard working families supposed to access \$300 more a year just for their water when there have been so many other financial burdens placed on them by council raising rates as well. I think its time council managed the money already garnered from ratepayers with more fiscal responsibility and stopped wasting ratepayers money on exorbitant wages for executive staff.