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Your submission for this review:

Whilst I may agree IPART need and may be required to review prices for water and wastewater services in Broken Hill and the surrounding districts, by Essential Water, and whilst prices for water transportation services are also being reviewed and that the pipelines supplies water to the people of Broken Hill and surrounds, I strongly believe that it is the NSW Government's responsibility to ENSURE that the people of Broken Hill and surrounding districts continue to be supplied potable water and not be penalised by increasing fees from Essential Water. It is unjustified for Essential Water to threaten to increase costs of 2% annually for the next 5 years to be incurred by the people of Broken Hill and surrounding districts - based purely on poor performance of LGA who failed the upkeep of ageing infrastructure. Major consideration and weight should be given to the people of Broken Hill and it's surrounding districts and these people should not wear the burden of costs primarily due to the result of a decline in population for that region. Responsibility for maintenance and upkeep of ongoing infrastructure lies purely within the Local Government Shire Council and the small and struggling communities. These communities are screaming for support and need NSW Government to support them financially. Increased costs need to be frozen or swallowed by LGA or NSW Government assistance.