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Your submission for this review:

During previous Hunter Water Community Forums we were proud to acknowledge the fact that Hunter Water was charging below CPI increases, then CPI. What is now proposed, i.e. 6% plus potential CPI increases over 5 years is absolutely outrageous during cost of living pressures and must be rejected by IPART and our communities. It now appears we would be paying for the proposed Belmont North Desalination Plant. Whilst I agree this facility is a major step in the right direction, it should be staged with a user-pays tariff should it be required during dry times in our dry continent. Hunter Water receives good quality water in all our catchments with little, or no major ongoing maintenance. The only costs should be for this maintenance due to ageing, urban infrastructure as is being repaired in Sydney metropolitan suburbs. What should be recommended by IPART is a much more realistic annual base rate plus CPI increases and assessed annually due to the worldwide cost of living pressures being experienced by all concerned. I HAVE FOUND IT MOST DIFFICULT TO LOG ONTO REGISTERING FOR THE UPCOMING ZOOM MEETING.....Brian