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Hunter Water's recommended 3.6% increase over 5 years + CPI is still far too high for our high costs of living crisis. I recommended annual reviews and assessments + CPI due to the current high costs of living and not be locked into a set percentage. That is still my recommendation to keep Hunter Water under control and also provide possible changes if they don't abide by their performances in annual reports. It now appears the proposed 6% + CPI over 5 years was an ambit claim as Hunter Water spends enormous amounts on TV advertising and doesn't need to. Hunter Water doesn't flush their water mains as was the case in years past. Hopefully with the ongoing maintenance budget and programs this will change when repairs are carried out. All Hunter Water subscribers will be paying for the desalination plant at Belmont, with most not benefiting from this project. It will be a Hunter Water asset and must not be sold off to private enterprise and only used when there is a shortage of water due to potential droughts. This facility must only be considered when the tides and ocean currents are favourable due to the sewerage outfall close by. The above paragraph should be a requirement factored into the draft recommendation by IPART.