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Your submission for this review:

As a self funded retiree I am appalled by the scale of the increase requested by Sydney Water over 5 years - starting with 18% in year one. With the inflation band of 1%-2% demanded by the Reserve Bank how can this increase be not only proposed but justified. Certainly, work has to be undertaken with new development due to new infrastructure required - but this should and must be embedded into the development costs and not by existing consumers who have already paid for their infrastructure. No doubt there are aging pipes etc that need updating/or replacement. The current water rates we pay should more than cover this ongoing cycle of refurbishment. The starting point should be a major review of the structure, productivity and efficiency of the Sydney Water, which I am absolutely convinced would find very significant saving to help fund new works. Sydney is already unaffordable for housing and such an increase would only add to that issue. Ipart must play their part and totally reject this ambit claim by Sydney Water and peg any increase to fall within the Reserve Bank's 1%-2% target band.