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Your submission for this review:

While your suggested price increases are OK and much more reasonable than those asked for by Sydney Water, they are ,perhaps , somewhat simplistic. We need a system that encourages people to use more water when dams are close to full to reduce the risk of overflowing. On the other hand, there should be penalties or other financial disincentives when dam levels have dropped to a point where it increases the risk of future water restrictions. Such rewards or penalties should vary depending on the number of occupants in a billable address, and on the severity of any shortage of water. While this may require use of forecasting techniques, it would potentially have substantial benefits, such as reducing flood damage due to dam overflows, and increasing the incentives to obey possible water restrictions. However, for budgeting purposes the incentives or disincentives would have to be fixed for a period, perhaps 6 or 12 months.