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Your submission for this review:

Dear Sir/ Madam, Sydney Water's proposal that bills increase by 18% next year, and then further increases of 7% a year plus inflation is a clear case of price-gauging and its claim should be rejected because they do not explain what increased costs they face. Similarly, the proposed larger increase to its water service charge is unwarranted because Sydney Water has not explained any increase to its costs to justify such a steep increase in customer charges. We already pay a lot more for the provision of water than the water itself. While I understand that maintaining water quality, reliability and environmental protection all cost money, there is no justification for substantial increases in coming years, especially in a continuing cost of living crisis. Clean tap water in our homes is a basic human right. We should not have to pay excessive rates for any human right, including good water.