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Your submission for this review:

Review of Pricing for Wastewater Services Hawkesbury City Council Assets I am writing in support of the proposal for Sydney Water to take over the wastewater assets currently operated by Hawkesbury City Council. I strongly believe that the costs associated with extending and upgrading these services should be shared equitably among all Sydney Water customers, rather than being imposed solely on residents within the Hawkesbury area. This approach is both fair and consistent with how other legacy systems and infrastructure upgrades have been handled across Greater Sydney. Isolating the cost burden to Hawkesbury customers would be inequitable, especially considering that the wider community benefits from improved water quality, environmental outcomes, and consistency in service delivery. Additionally, the cost of maintaining and upgrading ageing infrastructure is significant and should not fall disproportionately on a small group of residents. A broader cost-sharing model ensures a more balanced and affordable solution for everyone. I urge IPART to support a model that spreads the costs across all Sydney Water customers, and to facilitate Sydney Waters takeover of Hawkesburys wastewater system to ensure long-term sustainability, fairness, and improved service. Kind regards,