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I believe that Sydney Water should be audited before any increase to water charges by consumers occurs. Sydney Water are renowned in the civil construction industry for wastage. They purchase above the requirements for projects then send the remaining materials to land fill. If they had a storage yard where all the remaining materials could be stored they would save money on the next job when the required materials have been salvaged and readily available for use. They could even hold annual auctions to recover money for materials which will not be used on future jobs rather than send brand new perfectly good materials to landfill. They pay contractors ridiculous amounts of money and still end up having to pay for variations to the tune of millions of dollars each year because quotes are not correctly costed to begin with. Many contractors are aware that the higher the quote the more likely they are to get the job with Sydney Water. Low ball quotes do not get considered as they are considered cheap and unprofessional. I heard of a company sending in two quotes for the same job, one low one high. The high quote was awarded the job even though the work schedule in both quotes read word for word the exact same. The high security at many of the work sites cause delays in getting work done so contractors are left essentially sitting around doing nothing but waiting or going through induction after induction leaving Sydney Water to foot the bill for wages of down time which blows out the length of time it takes to complete the work. The Government should take responsibility for the additional infrastructure required to house the additional migrant workers it has been steadily importing over the past 3 years and compensate Sydney Water accordingly rather than allowing this cost to be passed on to the consumer. The cost of living pressures has reached an all time high and any additional price increase in any sector hurts the every day people who are currently struggling to keep their finances balanced. It is not acceptable that Sydney Water would increase their consumer costs when the company seems to function with an open cheque book and does very little, if anything, to keep its costs to a minimum. Sydney Water expenditure should be thoroughly investigated before any decision is made to increase the cost of an essential item for living, particularly when for many it is already unaffordable.