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Your submission for this review:

Dear IPART, This proposed water increase is quite frankly is nothing short of an absolute disgrace. There should be no increase in any pricing other than inflationary costs. What irks me is that your feedback from the public clearly shows that ratepayers are overwhelmingly against price rises yet you still go ahead with it anyway. Why bother having an independent review when the results of public submissions are inconsequential? 19% immediate increase is appalling on the backdrop of a council rates [REDACTED] which people of the central coast can hardly afford. My own water bill shows that the infrastructure cost component is more expensive than the water itself and therefore reduces any incentive to use water mindfully. You argue that your proposal would allow for increased cost of water but yet you still hike up a significant service charge increase. It is unfair. I have not personally found the water quality to be lacking. Any increases in water infrastructure costs should be delayed 5 or more years to allow the ratepayers to absorb council's prior financial mistakes. I refuse to pay any increase other than inflation.