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## Your submission for this review:

I strongly oppose any increase to water prices that is not directly offset by equivalent savings within the water providers own operations. It is completely unreasonableand frankly unfairthat an essential resource like water, which households cannot live without, should be subject to price increases without first exhausting every opportunity for internal efficiencies and cost savings. At a time when cost of living pressures are affecting families across every income bracket, it is unjustifiable to pass on higher costs to the public without demonstrating that all alternative measures have been taken. Water is a basic human need. If prices must go up, then providers must be required to find the equivalent in internal savingsdollar for dollar. It is not acceptable for organisations to operate inefficiently and expect the public to bear the consequences. The burden should not fall on households already stretched by rising housing, grocery, and energy costs. I urge the relevant authorities to reject any proposal to increase water prices unless it is tied directly to proven and transparent operational savings of an equivalent value.