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Your submission for this review:

Dear IPART, Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission regarding the Sydney Water price review. The relevant information page on the Sydney Water website (<https://www.sydneywater.com.au/accounts-billing/paying-your-bill/our-prices/price-proposal.html>) states that there would be a reduction in "planned spending on maintenance, upgrades and new facilities by 35% (\$5.9 billion) over the next 5 years". At the same time, Sydney Water is proposing to increase bills for both households and businesses, each year, for the next 5 years. Basically, this proposal appears to be asking for households and businesses to pay more in exchange for lower investment into water infrastructure over the next 5 years. My view is that such a proposal is unacceptable, particularly given that water infrastructure requirements will be increasing as a result of population growth, increased housing construction (potentially greatly as per the goals indicated by the NSW government), and also potentially due to climate change and increased strain and wear on the drainage infrastructure. I do not believe that such a reduction in planned spending over the next 5 years is appropriate, and I especially do not believe nor does it make sense that households and businesses should be asked to pay more in order to fund this reduction. Thank you.