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[REDACTED] To Whom It May Concern, Subject: Objection to Proposed Water Price Increase I am writing to formally object to the proposed increase in water prices by SydneyWater. As a resident of Dundas Valley I am deeply concerned about the significant financial burden this increase will place on households, especially those with limited incomes, and the lack of transparency regarding the necessity of such an increase in current cost of living crisis. Key Points of Objection 1. Affordability and Impact on Households Many residents in our community are already facing high living costs, and this additional increase will disproportionately impact low-income and fixed-income households. Water is an essential resource, and pricing it out of reach for vulnerable members of our community raises serious concerns about fairness and access. 2. Lack of Clear Justification and Transparency It is unclear how the additional revenue from this price increase will be allocated. While I understand that infrastructure and maintenance are necessary expenses, there has been minimal transparency about the specific projects or improvements that justify this particular rate hike. Greater transparency would enable residents to better understand and, potentially, support necessary expenditures. 3. Effect on Local Businesses and Community Services Beyond households, this increase will also impact local businesses that rely heavily on water, such as restaurants, laundromats, etc.]. Increased costs may lead to price hikes in goods and services, affecting the entire community, which in result of inflation of price. Additionally, institutions like schools and hospitals will face increased operational costs, potentially leading to budget strains on critical community services. 4. Environmental Concerns While I support initiatives aimed at sustainable water usage, an increase in prices alone does not address underlying issues of waste and efficiency within the water supply system. Without concrete plans for improvements in infrastructure efficiency or water conservation measures, this price hike could be seen as a punitive measure rather than a constructive one. Recommendations I urge the SydneyWater to consider alternatives to this price increase, such as: Phasing in the increase over a longer period to reduce the immediate burden on consumers. Providing rebates or discounts for low-income households. Implementing a tiered pricing model that offers lower rates for essential water use and higher rates for excessive use. In addition, I strongly recommend more public consultations and transparency regarding the allocation of funds raised through water pricing. A clearer breakdown of planned improvements and long-term benefits could foster more community support and understanding. Conclusion In light of these concerns, I respectfully urge SydneyWater to reconsider or delay the proposed increase. I look forward to a response that addresses these issues and provides a more equitable solution for all members of our community. Thank you for considering this feedback. Sincerely, [REDACTED]