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The use of service charges rather than water usage charges to provide the increased income provides little incentive for us to reduce our water usage - a 43% reduction in water usage to offset the increase in full is a pretty tall ask. With the prospect of a higher population as well as more variable and often lower rainfall, I believe the focus should be on using the pricing structure to encourage us all to feel we are playing a part in reducing our water consumption. The plan to use service charges to raise the funds eliminates the variability of the increased income Sydney Water needs. The consumer is bearing the cost of reducing Sydney Water's risk by being less able to offset their increased costs through reduced water usage. Perhaps we could share the risk?