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Your submission for this review:

I am greatly concerned about the proposed 50% rise (excluding inflation) in water bills over the next 5 years. Households are already suffering after years of above average inflation and the cost of living crisis. As it stands, my current water bill is equal to my electricity bill. With the proposed changes, I will be paying more for water than for electricity. Even if poorer households and pensioners were to turn their water off completely, it wouldnt do much to lower their bill as usage will only account for a small portion. Access to clean, safe water is a human right. While I fully support the upgrading of infrastructure and recognise that this is an essential need, I feel that the state government ought to be footing a large portion of this bill, not struggling households. I would urge Sydney Water to advocate for their consumers on this matter. The federal government is providing rebates to every household for electricity, meanwhile under this new pricing the NSW state government (who owns Sydney Water) would allow a 50% increase for water in the same economy. It is unacceptable and unsustainable.