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Your submission for this review:

As a resident of Sydney, I'm concerned about the proposed water price increase by Sydney Water. While I understand that maintaining and upgrading infrastructure is necessary, the scale of the proposed increase is troubling, especially with the fixed service charges rising sharply. These fixed charges make it challenging to manage costs even if we try to conserve water, which seems counterproductive to water-saving efforts. This proposal comes at a time when many Sydney households are already facing rising costs for essentials, from groceries to housing. Sydney Water's consultation process reportedly highlighted affordability as a major concern among residents. Yet, it seems like this feedback has not been fully incorporated into the final proposal, leaving many of us worried that the price increase will stretch our budgets further without enough flexibility to offset the costs through reduced usage. Moreover, the price rise seems to be driven by the need to expand infrastructure, particularly in Western Sydney, to meet growing population demands. But this raises the question of fairness: should existing residents bear such a high financial burden for future expansions, especially when these costs could hit low-income families the hardest? I hope that IPART will consider the full impact on residents and seek a more balanced approach that secures our water future without disproportionately impacting Sydney households.