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This is a Submission from Upper Hunter Shire Council to IPART Prices for WaterNSW Regional and Rural Bulk water from 1 July 2025. Council acknowledges that the proposed pricing changes have undergone consultation, which has raised several requests for improvements, particularly in areas such as reporting and website interactions. Upper Hunter Shire Council believes that the current service is satisfactory and sees no need for an increase in service provision. We are committed to keeping water prices as affordable as possible for our community. The proposed changes would see our water allocation charges increase from \$125,000 to \$230,000, resulting in an increase of 101% to 120% over the next five years, effectively doubling our current water delivery charges. This increase would translate to an additional \$17 per consumer per year. It is important to highlight that no other organizations within the water delivery sector are proposing such significant increases, and Upper Hunter Shire Council does not support this proposed price increase.