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Review of Metropolitan Water Agency Prices
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW
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Dear Sir,

RE: Review of Metropolitan Water Agency Prices

The Tribunal's Issues Paper on the above subject covers, amongst other matters, pricing for wastewater and sewerage. It notes that it is difficult to meter domestic wastewater and refers to the Hunter Water practice of assuming a discharge factor and the use of this assumed discharge factor to determine the volume of wastewater and sewerage discharged.

The Commission wishes to draw to the attention of the Tribunal section 10 of the National Measurement Act:

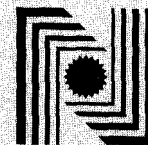
10 Measurements to be ascertained in accordance with appropriate standards of measurement, certified reference materials or certified measuring instruments.

In effect, if a charge is being made for a volume then that volume must be measured correctly.

Yours Sincerely



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