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Submission: Hunter water -2019 proposed fees – I object to water and sewerage utility charge increase

Reasons

1. The focus of hunter water should be only for basic services at the minimal cost
2. It is time for a hunter water fees to be cut- not an increase – technology should be making things cheaper
3. I paid for my connection – about 3,000 dollars for the infrastructure- surely others who connect can pay something like this as well
4. Revenue increase should be from growth- not increasing cost to the consumer
5. Hunter water does not appear to fully demonstrate an open entity – it appears to be a closed. All wage/salary levels and positions & various cost of operations should be easy to review by the people before a rise is even considered- we have a right to know if we are getting value for money
6. If you push the consumer too much, they will simply cut the line and have their own system- This would devastate hunter water, even if only a small number had their own system- Innovations are always arriving and this may be financially feasible now. The cost of a separate system may be feasible already now with micro water recycling and efficient sewer treatment.
7. My last water usage bill was only about \$26- to have a overall bill of about &300- is absurd
8. It will impact the local economy- less money will be spent on coffee etc
9. Landlords are potentially making money on hunter waters service- they should be billed extra

Summary

1. It will force people to turn to micro recycling and onsite waste management, which in return will destroy the concept of a cheap combined service for everybody
2. It will damage the local economy-- less to spend at the local store
3. Cost of infrastructure should be paid for on connection

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