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I'm an individual and reside in the Hunter Water area. I have glanced at Hunter Water's 125page submission and do not have the hours or manpower at my disposal, like Hunter Water, to fully analyse their submission.

Submission Hunter Water

Over the past 2 decades, I have submitted numerous submissions related to Electricity, Land and Water Rates and I believe that the call for submissions, is just the process, that IPART has to follow in order to tick off the boxes. In the past, I have provided evidence of comparable rates, CPI increases, and areas in which savings could be achieved, but, all to no avail.

In relation to Hunter Water, ever since its formation, but, more specifically, ever since the "user pays" system has been introduced, Hunter Water has made enormous amounts of profits for the NSW Government. I do not have the exact figures on hand, but, over the years, this has been in excess of \$30million per year, every year. It is simply a cash cow for the NSW Government.

So one might ask, what is the point of putting in a submission, when we have a so called independent body (IPART), appointed by the Government, to adjudicate on whether to increase the amount we charge for a service, when this revenue goes into the Government's coffers. It's absurd.

However, with that off my chest, we, the public are struggling. We have experienced outrageous land rate increases, hideous electricity and water rate charges over the past 2 decades, well in excess of the CPI. Those, on fixed incomes, have difficulty in meeting these extravagant demands imposed by IPART, which I believe is simply a remote arm of the Government.

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