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Submission: Why should we be slugged with an increase in the price of Water (mostly from above ) when over the years this Water Board failed to see the benefit of households saving rainwater in tanks on their properties ? 40 years ago I wanted to install a rainwater tank on my property in Adamstown Heights and was told that I would be sued if I did so. ??? Then another HDWB leader started user pays on us. Then we find that a considerable amount of money is paid each year to the NSW Govt. To me this shows total inefficiency over a long period of time.

To build a Desalination plant here, a plant that may cost millions each year , and never be turned on, aka Sydney , is stupid.

I am not going to wash my car with a bucket. I don't want it scratched. I don't wear a watch when I have a shower.

The total inefficiency of water usage has become very transparent over the last 75 years. No new dams in the Hunter area.

Going further afield, for the Federal and State Governments to not work together to build the pipeline from North Queensland to Central Qld and join up with the many rivers there is criminal. This plan was muted in 1930 and then forgotten. The Leyland Brothers made a Documentary Film, " Down The Darling " , using a small tin boat. The propeller had to be replaced on several occasions and on many other occasions the boat had to be transported overland to the next stretch of water in the river. Another film was mad recently with John Doyle and an Australian of the Year and it was a very similar trip. No water in the Darling River.

Meanwhile the Hunter Water Board group sit in a prominent building on Wharf Road Honeysuckle, with a view of the Harbour and all it's beauty, lots of water, and over coffee and biscuits decide to cover their inefficiencies by increasing the cost of our water back to us.