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Submission: I note the reduction in the on/off limits down to 60 and 70%. Whilst a step in the right direction, I would propose these limits should be a lot lower. 50% and 60% would be more reasonable. I understand the supply is approx 15% and that modelling may show a reduction in safety of supply. This should provide incentive to Sydney water to focus on the demand side, providing incentives to increase water efficiency ( eg lower fixed cost, higher per unit cost) and to increase focus on losses in the system. This would be a far better outcome for the consumers of Sydney water. By having a monopoly, market forces are prevented from being at play as efficiently as they should be. Please consider further lowering these triggers and encouraging a more efficient and market based system.