

To whom it may concern

As a Sydney suburban land owner since 1983 (Blacktown) and low income family struggling to meet utility payments and daily living costs I am unable to understand the rationale for the Wastewater (Sewerage) Service pricing structure.

The amount of Sewage to be processed has to be almost directly related to the quantity of water used by a domestic property, but there is no representation of this in the Wastewater pricing policy.

We have a fee for "Access" to the water supply network then a fee per Litre for the water consumed by the property - all fair and acceptable.

Why isn't the Wastewater supply billed in the same manner - have a Wastewater Service Access fee similar to the Water Supply Service fee, with a charge per litre for the amount of wastewater to be processed (using the amount of water supplied as the calculation basis).

The government has backed Waste Watch programmes targeted at consumers reducing their usage of electricity and water resources through the more economical use of these resources and installation of such devices as low flow shower heads, solar panels, solar Hot Water systems, rainwater tanks etc. Then the back-hander hits us with a FLAT FEE for processing our wastewater that we paid a per/litre price to receive - NOT LOGICAL

As a former Assessor for the Blacktown Solar City Project and subsequent Energy Australia and other Government supported Energy/Water usage awareness programs it has always astounded me that this practice by Sydney water has gone on for so long unchallenged.

PLEASE look into this and bring some financial relief for the struggling Sydney residents burdened with this inequitable charge.

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