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Submission: I have owned a property since 1992 which has 3 flats built on it. The property has a Torrens title, i.e. a single owner. It has one water connection with one meter and one waste water connection. Originally when I bought the property I use to pay a water service charge equal to 1.5 times the standard house property charge and a waste water service charge equal to 3 times the standard house property charge. I have figures going back at least until 2005 to verify this fact. In 2005 water service costs per quarter were \$18.95 and \$29.60 compared to the current costs of \$25.64 and \$76.92. That is I notice that I am now paying 3 times the standard house charge for water.

I believe this is not fair since nothing has change with the property and I and other owners in a simular situation are now paying a larger share of the costs for water servicing.

This pricing should be reviewed because:

1. I only have one meter not three, therefore there is less costs associated with providing the service, Ie one reading, one administration cost not three bills.
2. The units equate to the equivalent of a house with 6 bedrooms, two bathrooms and a separate toilet or 4 bedrooms, two bathrooms and an extra toilet a study and rumpus room. What I am saying is that it is not any larger than some of the large house built today.
3. When the pricing was changed there should have been a option that enabled the owner to have extra water connections to be installed to allow each unit to be billed directly and the cost of this should be borne by Sydney water who will be benefiting from the extra charges now.
4. I am now effectively paying more that what a boarding house which can have up to 10 separate bedrooms and multiple bathrooms.
5. I am affectively subsidising people with larger houses and do not have the ability to recover the costs. The service has not changes either from what I originally had before the price hike.
5. There are effectively 3 to 4 persons living here which is less than a significant number of households.
6. It would be fairer if the cost was more for the water being used than the service cost since this would reflect the actual user pays principle and also encourage saving. Waste water charge should also be geared to water use for the same reasons. This would be far fairer and would certainly help out single people living in a house such as pensioners.