

The Chairperson  
Ipart Water inquiry

Dear Sir

I noted an article in the SMH of 10/08.

I am enclosing an extract from it from it which I believe is innaccurate.

I do not know if the extract is innaccurate or the Ipart report is innaccurate, however I am drawing the facts to your attention.

- **"More than one in three Sydneysiders live in so-called multi-premises dwellings, which do not have individual meters. And with this figure expected to continue to rise, the tribunal has decided it is time for an overhaul.**
- **"Multi-premise dwellings are paying approximately 40 per cent of the ... residential water service charge paid by freestanding houses in Sydney Water's area, but make up an increasing proportion of the total properties served," the tribunal said.**
- **Unless the system is changed, households living in freestanding dwellings will pay an ever increasing portion of the city's water bill. One option being studied would result in all residential premises paying a common service charge."**

The facts in our case are below-

- **The units are located at 331 Miller St, Cammeray 2062**
- **There is very little water used on common property or for fire purposes**
- **Each unit pays a fixed charge. In my case it is \$138.15**
- **All water entering the site is metered on to the site by a single meter**
- **The owners corporation is billed on a quarterly basis for all water consumed on site.**
- **Essentially this charge represents the cost of water used in each unit for hygiene, cooking and other personal use.**
- **The amount paid to Sydney Water is \$3920 per quarter, \$57 per unit.**
- **This is paid by Levy**
- **The Owners Corporation does not pay a fixed connection fee.**
- **The total amount per unit (my Case) is approximately \$195 per unit.**

I take issue with the above report as I believe the extracts do not represent the facts. Surely the low price is due to the fact that less water is consumed because there is no outdoor use.

The lack of an individual meter, in our case does not matter.

The water consumed is averaged over all residents

regards

Bob Hart