

Submission to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART)

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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: A review of prices for water, sewerage, stormwater and recycled water services for Hunter Water Corporation from 1 July 2009

- Earning a living currently requires me to work in Sydney but my home is in Dungog and I am very concerned at the price increases in my water bill over the next four years.
- My water bill will be going up by 54% and yet my water usage is small - I have a rainwater tank and use that water for my garden before resorting to town water.
- I am also concerned about the sewerage rates. I have a septic tank which connects to the sewer line but only for excess water uptake. I remain responsible for clearance of the septic tank when required. I am now being asked to pay for a service I am not receiving.
- I am particularly concerned about having to pay for the projected Tillegra Dam when I believe there is no need for it.
- I believe IPART should instruct Hunter Water to look more carefully at all other options to providing water for the region before charging us for this dam.
- I have read that the developers are concerned about the proportion they will have to pay for the Tillegra Dam. If they pay less, we the present water users, will have to pay even more. How it works.
- IPART needs to conduct a full review of the need for the proposed Tillegra Dam to ensure that we as ratepayers are getting value for money.

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