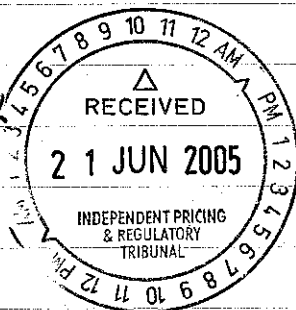


INDEPENDENT PRICING  
AND REGULATORY TRIBUNAL  
OF NSW.



DEAR SIR/MADAM,

1. I AM WRITING TO COMPLAIN BITTERLY CONCERNING YOUR DECISION TO INCREASE THE WATER RATES IN SYDNEY AND ILLAWARRA AREAS.
2. FIRSTLY I DO NOT EVEN PAY WATER RATES AS I RENT A HOUSE SO IN REALITY YOUR DECISION TO INCREASE WATER RATES IN ATTEMPT TO REDUCE WATER CONSUMPTION DOES NOT EVEN AFFECT ME AS I DO NOT PAY THE WATER RATES AT ALL.
3. HOW DARE YOU DECIDE TO INCREASE THE WATER RATES WHEN A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF MONEY PAID TO THE WATER AUTHORITY IS USED BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT FOR USES OTHER THAN THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH SUPPLY OR CONTROL OF WATER!!
4. HOW DARE YOU ONLY PENALISE THE HOME OWNERS WHEN PEOPLE WHO RENT LIKE ME DO NOT EVEN PAY THE WATER RATES!! WHILST I DO MY BEST TO RESTRICT MY WATER USE, WHAT ACTION ARE YOU TAKING TO RESTRICT OR MONITOR ALL OF THE OTHER TENANTS IN THE AREAS WHERE YOU HAVE INCREASED

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THE WATER RATES?

5. WHY DISCRIMINATE AGAINST THE USERS IN THE SYDNEY AND ILLAWARRA AREAS? I HAVE RECENTLY WRITTEN TO MINISTER SARTOR CONCERNING THE PASSING OF LEGISLATION TO MAKE INSTALLATION OF RAINWATER TANKS MANDATORY IN ALL NEW HOUSING ESTATES YET HIS GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET PASSED SUCH LEGISLATION. SO WHY RAISE THE WATER RATES WHEN THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT EVEN TAKING THE RIGHT STEPS TO REDUCE WATER CONSUMPTION ITSELF?

6. EXACTLY HOW WILL THE INCREASED STATE REVENUE FROM THESE PROPOSED INCREASES BE SPENT? WILL IT SOLELY BE SPENT ON IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SYDNEY AND ILLAWARRA WATER SYSTEMS?

7. WHY WASN'T THE PUBLIC INFORMED OF YOUR DELIBERATIONS REGARDING SUCH A PRICE INCREASE? I ONLY WATCH THE NEWS ON TV AND LISTEN TO ABC RADIO BUT THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING THAT I SAW IN THE MEDIA CONCERNING YOUR DELIBERATIONS. UNTIL THE ADVICE OF THIS INCREASE I DID NOT EVEN KNOW YOUR TRIBUNAL EXISTED - LIKE PROFESSOR JULIUS SUMNER MILLER USED TO SAY - WHY IS IT SO?

YOURS SINCERELY,

PAUL JOHNSON