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Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to the Hunter Water Corporation's application for a 3 per cent price increase of the cost of Water over the next 4 years.

I read in today's Newcastle Herald that the Corporation had applied for the increase and that your group needed to give approval for this increase to occur. I read in the story that the Hunter Water Corporation's General Manager Kevin Young is in favour of the increase.

From the story printed, I also understand that the increase would be on average about \$16 a year for a home owner. I am a home owner in the local area and wish to make an official protest about this proposed increase.

This increase in my opinion is not needed at the moment, as our local Dams are selling water to the Central Coast and that profit can help off set any needs for local residences to pay more money for a water service.

The story also goes on to say that the increase would keep our water rates at least \$80 below the current price of Sydney people's water costs. I propose that, that issue has no relevance in our local water costing system, and that Kevin Young's comment is not relevant here. As you can only be aware that the corporation is called Hunter Water Corporation and not connected to the Sydney water system.

Please take into consideration my objection when reviewing this proposed increase and keep me informed of any future developments regarding the deciding your Group makes.

Yours Sincerely,

Grant Jack