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Review of Metropolitan Water Agency Prices from 1 July 2005

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Dear Sir / Madam,

My wife and I live in a basic house with 7 of our own children. We have implemented water saving devices on every shower, every tap and installed dual flush on every toilet. We have no space for a rainwater tank.

We double bath / shower the younger children and have planted hardly natives that last longer without water and installed the biggest washing machine available, so as to reduce the wash loads to two per day.

We completely reject the NSW Governments plan to increase water usage charges that will have a large impact on our water costs. **Why should we be penalised for having a large family, when we probably use the same or perhaps even less water per capita than smaller families?**

Could you please understand the problem this will cause and recommend that larger families (probably 4+ children) be allowed to get a fair per capita water allowance before extra charges kick in? It would not be hard to manage this, you could access Medicare, Back to School Allowance, Census or whatever records. Or affected families could be allowed to prove they have a large family at the local Council.

It is not too hard, please consider the larger Australian families, who already are paying more in food, clothes, electricity and other basic running costs.

We look forward to your favourable response.

Thank you

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