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IPART
Review of Metropolitan Water Agency Prices from 1 July 2005
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Dear Sir / Madam,

My wife and I have 6 children of our own. We have implemented water saving devices on every shower, every tap and installed dual flush on every toilet.

We double up with bathing & shower with the younger children, we have a timer in the bathroom so the older children don't waste water, we don't water our garden at all. We have the biggest washing machine and hand wash also as to save water.

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 5+ 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 feel we are struggling enough with doing our very best for a large family, surely large families should be valued in this country also, not penalised.

We look forward to your favourable reply.

Thank you

Wayne and Fiona Jennings