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**ATT: Evaluation Committee**

Dear Team,

**Re: Precept Rate Increase for Tidal Waterways at Patterson Lakes**

With reference to a letter from Melbourne Water of the 1st instant, I would like to notify you of my objection to the percentage increase of 16% plus CPI as stated in this letter.

The Tidal Waterways are not restricted to usage by land owners within the Tidal Waterways as the general public has access to use these waterways at any time and at their discretion. So why are land owners therefore expected to cop a significant precept rate increase of this magnitude?

I feel that a precept rate increase restricted to 5% would be acceptable and feel that Melbourne Water either restricts the general public from using the Tidal Waterways in Patterson Lakes which is highly unlikely or in fact gets whichever authority that monitors the boat ramp at Carrum to increase the cost of launching boats in order to make up for the deficit instead of charging land owners such exorbitant rates.

Melbourne Water needs to recognise that the usage of the Tidal Waterways within Patterson Lakes is falls under the category of recreational, thus Melbourne Water should in fact bear the majority of the costs associated.

I would like this objection to be raised and discussed at your forthcoming review meeting.

Please feel free to contact me if needed.

Yours sincerely,



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