

Re:Proposed Water Bill increases as reported in The Age 21st April 2013 - indications of a rise of between \$268 - \$310 per household depending on jurisdiction, are outrageous and totally unaffordable for those of us on a pension or fixed income. Supposedly to cover costs associated with the Desalination plant which we neither needed or consented to, the increase if any at all, should be apportioned over the life of the asset instead of immediately slugging hapless water users in order to enrich the PPP involved with the desalination plant. These types increases are unsustainable and will result in a huge % of defaulters in paying bills for what is an essential commodity. We have had enough of the corporatocracy dictating to us in this manner, and it is time that you as regulator restored some sanity to the situation. I urge you to refuse any further price increase to our water bills - after all Wannon Water is reducing their charges. It is incumbent on the Victorian Government to meet any expenses in relation to the desalination plant - they made the foolhardy decision to build the white elephant. So get some balls and tell them exactly that.

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