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Subject water price increase draft

Hello,

I would like to say I'm disgusted in the proposed 40 to 60 percent increase in water prices over the next five years, there can be no justification for these massive price hikes.

It is the view of many Victorians that the government has not been investing in various essential infrastructure over the past years in step with population increases.

The issue with water now has come to a head from the lack of Government planning to date, and now instead of investing Government funds over the long term to pay for the urgently required infrastructure upgrades you propose these extreme price increases to reclaim the money quickly. We have already been hit with significant increases in the past few years for all utilities, above CPI in most cases, how does the government expect the ordinary working person, or worse, the pensioner, to be able to afford these massive increases ?, its simply not sustainable.

It should be noted that we are all voters, and we will get to have our say at election time.

I believe it would be cheaper for the Government to do a mass buy up of say 3000 litre tanks, supply them to all people with a water accounts free of charge providing they pay to have them connected up to run the toilet by a licensed plumber, it would save millions of litre's of precious drinking water being flushed down the drain, and given the governments buying power purchasing so many tanks at once, it would work out a comparatively cheap exercise.

Regards,

Robert Rundle.