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The current pricing systems appear to be nothing less than price gouging by the State Government and profiteering by the retailers (In our case Unitywater).

Now you are pleading with us to use MORE water because we have now learned to use less and you claim that you cannot cover your costs. This must be one of the few products where an abundance of supply availability forces the price UP. Simple economics appears to be beyond the bureaucrats controlling our water supply. You have too much - you want us to use more - so you put up the price. In the current cycle by 2.5%. Really ?

The other (not so subtle) slight of hand recently forced upon us by our retailer was to arbitrarily conclude that 90% of the water we use goes down the toilet and so we should pay for this as well. No thought was given to those of us who invested in water tanks to supply our toilet (and cold water laundry) usage.

We are Aged Pensioners and have learned to be careful about our utilities costs. Even so, taking into account the rebate we receive, our monthly Water bill (averaged over the past 6 months) is \$139.90 compared to our monthly Electricity costs (over 6 months including a very hot summer) is \$70.60.

My recommendation to you is;

- 1) DO NOT use us as a cash-cow to supplement your State finances.
- 2) REDUCE the bulk price of water in times of excess supply in order to increase demand.
- 3) REDUCE the 90% excess you assume we pour down the toilet to, say, 30% for those of us who have rainwater plumbed to our toilets.

regards,
Ray Derbyshire

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