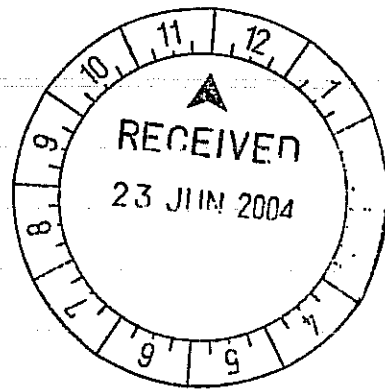


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Public submissions on pricing  
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Dear Water Corp (pricing submissions)

In reply to the minister's public request for submissions on the pricing of water, I would like to submit this letter.

I have no lawns and use relatively little water, yet I pay approx. \$600 a year fixed charge and about \$120 excess water while unemployed or employed. By far the biggest bill I have to pay, about double the cost of electricity.

When the free allowance was abolished there was no reduction in charges, despite the fact that the first 150,000 ltrs. from everyone became excess profit bearing no relation to cost, just as the fixed charge bears no relationship whatever to the USER PAYS PRINCIPLE. The Water Corp's excess profits especially after eliminating the interest they pay must be returned to the consumer.

I would suggest: all the above paragraph; a low charge for under 450,000 ltrs. (to encourage lower water consumption & thereby reducing the Corp's costs); a reasonable higher charge for above the limit; the abolishing of the fixed charge & linking to USER PAYS. Yours faithfully,