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The draft report does not explain why annual increases are based at 6% per year for fixed rate services.

CPI increases should be only in the order of 3% or less.

Target Income for services include accross the board increases to a value of \$1045 for water and sewerage would have to be be one of the highest costs or water and sewerage in the world.

Assumptions that Southern Water should be operating as a business and have returns as a business, do not meet the charter of providing essential services to the community at a low cost base.

Traditionally Tasmanians have chosen to live in dispersed population areas due to the fact that rates are in fact cheaper. The expectation of the same services being applied is not as high.

Poorly run councils that have not invested in infrastucture over time are causing those councils rate payers that have invested to be penalised.

The timeline for achieving parity pricing does not need to be so short (3 years) and should be 10 to 20 years. Thus a huge financial penalty to raetepayers that have excellent services and have a council that was previously run properly.

There are no comparisons to other communities of similar size elsewhere in the world.

If we are supposed to be a cleaver country why should we not be performing at low cost standards and achieving world competitive standards.

The supply of water in Tasmania is plentiful and the cost of distribution is low compared to other jurisdictions. So the pricing should be meeting that criteria.