

TasWater Pricing

Prof RAZAY question to TREASURER

My question is from a small business operating in Rocherlea, Launceston, employing 35 people in the steel fabrication sector. The business manager wrote to me regarding changes in how TasWater calculated fixed sewage charges. She says the business traditionally paid around \$630 per month in fixed sewage charges, but in July it jumped to \$3800 - a whopping 500 per cent increase. TasWater says the increase is due to it now calculating fixed charging on pipe diameter, as opposed to the past practice of charges being set at a fixed fee based on estimated demand of the property. The Rocherlea business is now facing an additional \$40,000 per annum in basic operating costs and is asking for the Treasurer to commit to review TasWater pricing policies.