

Att: Joe Dimasi

Dear Joe,

Thank you for the informative presentation at the Canberra Business Chamber on Tuesday 12th July on the water and sewerage services tariff review.

Further to the presentation, I would like to put in writing the issues I raised:-

1. Federal Golf Club would be happy to see an increased supply charge and a decreased usage charge;
2. We would not like to see a water proxy used for the sewerage charge – I think this would be unfair for large water users like ourselves;
3. The two tiered tariff structure doesn't work for large users – I would be happy to see the first tier at a higher rate and reduce the top tier (which we would fall into for most usage);
4. A reduced commercial rate for non for profit organisations should be considered and the health and social benefits of golf clubs, bowling clubs etc. shouldn't be discounted. We are all maintaining a community asset for, not only Club members, but all who wish to participate;
5. A reduction in the commercial rate for a period of time to enable Club's to install water saving infrastructure to wean themselves off potable water. I understand this is a government policy but could work along the same lines as the water abstraction charge being waived for surface and ground water. This, however, is of little benefit to a Club like Federal with a bill of approximately \$5,000-\$7,000 per year. This doesn't go very far in paying for major capital works infrastructure. I believe there could be a meaningful opportunity to offer this for the next five year tariff period.

I understand the above is somewhat selfish of our golf club and other large water users from around the ACT but, unless we can have some certainty of the cost of water from year to year, it is difficult to forecast the budget from year to year. Generally, our yearly water bill will determine whether the Club makes a small profit or a large loss for the financial year.

We support the ClubsACT submission of the 23rd June 2016.

Once again, thank you for your time yesterday. I really appreciated the opportunity to have a voice in the process.

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