

## PETITION

### To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

This petition of certain citizens of New South Wales brings to the attention of the House the exorbitant cost of basic water infrastructure in the Upper Hunter Shire Council area that is being forced on ratepayers. Access to fresh water is an essential service, and water rates for the Upper Hunter Shire Council area are disproportionately high when compared to residents in Sydney. Capital costs for these essential services should be funded by the New South Wales Government.

The \$4 billion sale of the Snowy Hydro Scheme to the Federal Government would provide ample funds to meet these projects and we believe that we deserve our fair share.

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We, the undersigned petitioners therefore ask the Legislative Assembly to call-on the New South Wales Government to directly fund the balance of capital costs of water infrastructure upgrades in the Upper Hunter Shire Council Area, the Scone to Murrurundi water pipeline, and Glenbawn Dam upgrades.

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