

Dear Sir,

I wish to add my concerns about the constantly rising water prices, most well above the CPI increase, that have occurred and are going to occur for customers of Coliban Water and also register my disappointment that your office has approved plans to lift their rates by 16 per cent as reported in the "Bendigo Advertiser", April 19, 2013.

During the drought period in Bendigo we, as well as many other people, curtailed our use of water as there were fears that the water supply, much diminished over the years of drought, would not be able to sustain the population of Bendigo if the drought continued. We bought large water tanks and did our best operating under the water restrictions to keep our garden alive despite increasing health problems.

As pensioners, my husband and I are heartily tired of continually escalating prices for water, gas and electricity, Council rates as well as for private health insurance, etc. These increased prices seriously erode our pension and we can't see how they can continue to be approved.

Regards,

Sue Lafferty