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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 15 May 2014 19:29  
**To:** watertariff  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Water Tax

Dear Ms Foley,

I only heard by accident about your proposals for deciding on the makeup of the water charges while listening to the radio driving home this evening. It must be one of the best kept secrets in the country. Does the fact that you got only 100 submissions so far not logically indicate that no one heard about this because they were kept in the dark?

Regarding the water tax, I was horrified to hear you are considering factors such as the size of someones house in the makeup of the water charges. Houses do not use water, people do. The more people in a house, the more water gets used. I happen to have three "children" over the age of 18 living at home. It sounds like you intend to make someone with a big house pay more. So on top of the fact that I live in a house large enough for 5 people I have to pay more? Why is that? Do you believe I can afford it? How are you going to measure the house? What's the criteria? WE ALREADY PAY PROPERTY TAX!

I must read the constitution one of these days but unless you can tell me otherwise, you are discriminating against young people who live with their parents. You are also discriminating against those parents. I thought we were all supposed to be equal in this country. It doesn't sound like you are about to treat everyone equally.

It also appears that not having a meter might be a way to get out of paying your FAIR share.

Bottom line: This is a tax. Tax everyone equally. Give everyone the same water credit, child or adult. Make it fair and equitable.

Yours Sincerely,

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