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To: "watercharges@cer.ie" <watercharges@cer.ie>
Subject: Water charges!

Dear Sir/Madam,

I tried sending this letter to the listed email address, but this address was invalid. Hopefully this will be forwarded to the correct section.

I just want to give you a little snippet of accurate information on future water charges. On arriving home from holidays in late July we found a newly-installed water meter. I took an immediate reading, 10 litres registered which accounted for one or two toilet flushes. A fortnight later we had used 5800 litres. A quick calculation gives us 150,800 litres per year. We have three teenagers, 18, 16 and 16. Taking into account the three allowances recently announced, we will have to pay for 80,000 litres of water, €400 plus standing charge. How does this compare to the "average" €278? But it will get worse. Our eldest son is embarking on a university course and the other two will hopefully do likewise in two years time. Therefore there will be five adults in residing in our house, three of whom will not be working. Our water charge will be €600 plus standing charge.

You might suggest implementing ways of cutting down on usage, well I have. The capacity of all toilet cisterns has been reduced, our children have been brought up on Barney's "Never let the water run", dishwasher is always filled to maximum capacity and the washing machine is a new machine that uses the minimum amount of water.

I agree that water as a resource should be paid for and there have been no protests in our area. But these charges are simply not fair! Water is a necessity and it does not seem just that it should cost even more than the property tax.

Yours sincerely,

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