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Subject: Submission Re Water Charges

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I understand that submissions were being received by you in relation to water charges. I am concerned about the charges in general which appear to be excessive - and the costs involved in setting up Irish Water with the retention of staff who were previously working elsewhere in the public service and who actually have no job to do... And the high rate of salaries being paid also.

I am particularly concerned about these costs and how they will affect vulnerable people such as elderly people and disabled people.

This submission is in regard to people with disabilities and the increases in cost of living for them without any subsequent increase in their income. I understand there is a proposal to waive part of the water charge - but in a single person household they will of ten use as much water as in a home with 2 or more people. It is like heating - you have to heat the house whether it is one person - or more.

Our son is severely disabled and lives in his own home. He has considerable expenses to meet which are related to his disability - services which are not provided by the HSE, transport and many other extras - and people who lack mobility also require more heating.

Our son has carers in during the day and they will be using the washing machine, the dishwasher for domestic chores and a person with disability who suffers incontinence may have a lot of laundry.

I think it would be very unfair to add to the burden these people carry all their lives by imposing yet further costs on them - at a time when they can least afford it.

I would recommend that Irish Water adopt the same position in relation to water charges for people with disabilities as the Government has with the Property Tax and waive the charge.

I hope you will give this submission your very careful consideration and I hope that there will be a turnaround in the current position taken re this matter.

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