

**Submission
No 12**

**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON PROTECTING LOCAL WATER UTILITIES
FROM PRIVATISATION**

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It is Important that the responsibility for providing water and sewerage services remains with Council's Income from water and sewerage Improves the viability of Council's Essential services should not be subject to profit making

I consider that one of the main issues that needs to be addressed to prevent privatisation is the current skill shortages / ability to attract employees to work in the industry.

Local Government does not lead the way in terms of pay and employees are usually attracted to a particular lifestyle and location. Generally speaking it is harder for rural / western NSW areas to attract skilled employees.

Need too develop pathways for school leavers to be trained in general water and sewerage operations and water and sewerage treatment plant operation. Make it more obvious to school leavers that there is pathway to a secure a reliable, responsible job working for their local community.