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Re - Water Meters

I'm very much in support of Water Meters being installed throughout Ashburton, however I strongly believe an annual residential water usage level should be adopted and notified to residents with notification of an excess water rate if any residential property use more than the annual water usege.

This approach helps to educate people on the responsible use of water which is such a precious commodity in these days and if residents decide to continually waste water they will in time hopefully think twice before wasting water.

An example of this is a neighbour in our area who puts a sprinkler on both front and back yards and leaves their residence for a number of hours, which means water is flowing for many hours onto the footpath, down the gutters and also flooding neighbouring gardens. In addition they have a large swimming pool and also not only do they wash large vehicles and a motor home on a weekly basis they then wash their drive down as well. Meanwhile, other neighbours hand water their gardens thoughtfully ensuring little water wastage.

We previously lived in the Selwyn District who adopted Water Meters and Excess Water Costs which changed the water wastage rates dramatically in the district.

Regards Brenda Lester