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Page 1: Have your say - draft Revenue and Financing Policy - Methven-Springfield Water

Q1

Do you agree with adding Methven-Springfield to the District Water Group?

Yes, I agree,

Other (please specify):

Yes - providing it is with the purpose of making the price of water affordable for the Methven-Springfield users. The email sent 10th March said Council was 'concerned that the costs would become unaffordable for the 67 consumers on the Methven-Springfield scheme'. I agree with this concern, and the solution needs to address this - by making the cost of water less than the status quo.

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Q2

If you agree with adding Methven-Springfield to the District Water Group, what is your preferred policy setting in regards to allocation?

Option Four - (12+1),

Other (please specify):

Option 2 and Option 3 result in a large proportion (the majority in the case of option 2), paying more for water than if the M-S scheme users were to pay for all the costs themselves. As previously noted, you have indicated that the cost to M-S of paying for the scheme themselves was unaffordable, it does not make sense then, that either of these options would be viable solutions. Neither address the issue of making costs affordable. For my farm, the difference between option 2 (your preferred option) and option 4, is ~\$7,800 a year. A Council staff member estimated the difference for the DWG to be ~\$5-6 each. While no one likes the idea of subsidising another, that is the point of the DWG. The masses make it affordable for the smaller groups. The significant savings for the vast majority of M-S users seems justifiable for this small increase. Secondly, while it is great to be able to have the reliability of the upgraded drinking water, we do not need water of this quality for stockwater. It doesn't seem reasonable nor fair to pay the same rate for this water.

Q3	Methven-Springfield
I get my drinking water from:	
Q4	Respondent skipped this question
Do you have any other comments?	
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Contact Details	
Name	Richard Watson
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Q6	No: I do not wish to speak in support of my
Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?	submission and ask that my written submission be fully considered.
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Q7	Respondent skipped this question
Would you like to present:	