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Show workable plan if not increasing water tariff: Xavier

KLANG: The states that have no plans to increase water tariff have been asked to submit their respective mechanisms to the Ministry of Water, Land and Natural Resources.

Its minister, Datuk Dr Xavier Jayakumar said this was because the cost of preparing and managing treated water is high and remedial actions have to be taken to address the water crisis.

"Everybody needs to understand that a huge budget is required to ensure people receive clean water supply 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Once we have the budget, we can provide the infrastructure to manage water operations, besides addressing the shortage of water supply.

"The states need to show they have workable mechanisms," he told reporters after launching the Restoration, Reclamation and Rehabilitation through tree planting programme at the Botanical Garden yesterday. – Bernama