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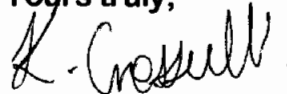
Dear Sir or Madam:

**Subject: GAWB 2004 Investigation of Pricing Practices**

I believe the intended water pricing for Mt. Larcom is wrong. I'm one of five who work at the Mt. Larcom Café and fear for their jobs if the water price goes up. The Café has just had a quiet Christmas period and then this news. I don't have a car to drive to Gladstone for work and there aren't any other jobs in Mt. Larcom.

My boyfriend and I have just bought a house in Mt. Larcom. It will not be easy to pay off the house and our car if the water prices are so high, especially if I don't have a job to go to. Would you like to have to pay the water prices that you are going to make us pay? With these water prices the value of our house is about halved, so by the time we retire we might get what we paid for it. (My boyfriend is 21 and I'm 17). What a wonderful future you have given us to look forward to. Is this the start of the decline of Rural Australia?

Yours truly,



Kimberley Crosswell