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To

Queensland Competition Authority  
 G.P.O Box 2257  
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Dear Sir,

I believe the Q.C.A. are proposing to rise our water costs for our township of Mt Larcom. If so no one will be able to reside here, it will be the death of Mt Larcom. We have pensioners + families here who could not afford the cost. Why are we being singled out for this obscene cost. The suggested price is just not affordable to any of us who reside at Mt Larcom. It will also stop any development here.

For our water costs to rise from 65 cents per kb to \$8.64 per kb is ridiculous. Why should we be treated in this outrageous manner. No one living here will ever be able to sell their property. Who in their right mind would buy a property here with water rates that high a price. This must be the most expensive domestic water in the state.

Mr Hayes from the Gladstone Area Water Board stated in the Gladstone "Observer" on the 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2005 that "we are certainly not exorbitantly expensive". It is not the fault of the Mt Larcom residents that we live at the end of the water network from Awoonga Dam. We are all citizens of the region and should be treated equally.

Why are we being singled out by Q.A.A.P. Q.C.L East mine paid for the water main from Yarrum so why are we being

charged again. Isn't this double dipping. We have had a water supply to Mt Larcom for at least 40 years. Twenty years of that time QCB has supplied the pipe from Yarwun.

What are the motives behind this stupidity by the Queensland Competition Authority. The State Government needs to be called to account for the activities of the QCA.

We will not tolerate being treated as second class citizens. We deserve better.

For an example of just some of the activities that the water price rise will affect are:— The Silver Spurs Western Performance Club, The Calliope & Gladstone Equestrian Group, Mt Larcom R.S. Club, Mt Larcom Pony Club, The Mt Larcom & District Social Kennel & Odolence Club, "Our Show Grounds" The Mt Larcom Bowling Club. Our Show Grounds are also used to host:— The Variety Club of Queensland activities, The Queensland State School Equestrian Championships, Alcoholics Anonymous Family Camps, School Camps, S.E.S. Training activities, The Annual Rodeo, the Annual Community Christmas ~~Carnival~~ to name just a few.

Many community groups already suffering from the cost of Public Liability Insurance will be forced to close down.

Yours Faithfully  
K & P. Johnson