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**MT. LARCOM WATER**

We are residents of a small rural community situated on the Bruce Highway. Our town, Mt. Larcom, like all other rural towns is struggling to maintain its spirit under the sledge hammer of economic rationalism, technology and the hysterical lemming like rush to the coast. Our local community possess an amazing spirit witnessed by the hundreds who attend the diverse yearly events the town hosts.

The attraction for the visitors to Mt. Larcom is the country spirit that is fast disappearing in our rural landscape under the global rush for cloned mediocrity. This brings me to the point of my letter. I believe the latest hammer blow to the already injured body of our town, namely the 1,300% increase in the cost of our water supply by the Queensland Competition Authority will be the fatal blow, the straw that breaks the camels back. If this example is extended to other communities it will be the death of rural Australia.

Is it the fault of Mt. Larcom residents that it is at the very end of the water network from the Awoonga Dam? Why is the Queensland Competition Authority singling out the residents of Mt. Larcom? We should not be treated like second-class citizens; we all belong to the same region and should be treated equally by you, the Queensland Competition Authority.

We are homeowners and active members of the Mt. Larcom community and we extend an invitation to you to come and meet us in consultation. See that we are not just stats on a page, rural collateral damage or the last on the food chain of corporate decision-making.

We are a vital, creative and caring community living in a small town ideally situated on the Bruce Highway with all the potential to become a small tourist attraction if given the opportunity. Please don't allow this misguided decision to pass by without further investigation and consideration.

Yours Faithfully



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**MT. LARCOM WATER AND THE QLD. COMPETITON AUTHORITY**

Dear Peter,

I am a member of a small rural community situated on the Bruce Highway. Our town, Mt. Larcom, like all other rural towns is struggling to maintain its spirit under the sledge hammer of economic rationalism, technology and the hysterical lemming like rush to the coast. And our town has an amazing community spirit witnessed by the hundreds who attend the diverse yearly events the town hosts.

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Is it the fault of Mt. Larcom residents that it is at the very end of the water network from the Awoonga Dam? Why is your government singling out the residents of Mt. Larcom?

We are all citizens of the region and should be treated equally by the Queensland Competition Authority.

I am many things: - a homeowner, an artist, an active member of this fabulous community, a labor voter, and a believer in a fair go and a great admirer of you. I extend an invitation to you to come and see us, meet us, consult with us as you promised in your election campaign. See that we are not just stats on a page, rural collateral damage or the last on the food chain.

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**MT. LARCOM WATER AND THE QUEENSLAND COMPETITION  
AUTHORITY**

I believe the Queensland Competition Authorities decision to increase the cost of our water by 1,300% will be the death of our town. It will impact not only on me as a homeowner and therefore a water user, but also for the future development of the town I now live in.

Is this what the powers that be from the Queensland Competition Authority want - the responsibility for the demise of our town? To be the perpetrator of the final murderous blow? We are not just statistics on a page, not just the point at the end of the water network of the Awoonga Dam. We, the Mt. Larcom community of which I am an active and involved member, are vital, creative and diverse human beings.

I am an aged pensioner that has worked hard all my life, paid my dues and my taxes. I simply cannot afford water at this price and do not wish to be treated like a second-class citizen. If this example is extended to other communities it will be the death of rural Australia.

This will also be the most expensive water in the state so how can the authority validate that costing on such a small rural community?

I would like to register my opposition to this plan and would urge you, the Premier of Queensland to call to account the activities of the Queensland Competition Authority.

Yours Faithfully

*Max Mienert*