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When is Enough is Enough is Enough!
When is it going to stop with these outlandish decisions made by our politicians and their crony, Government controlled departments?

The future of this lovely township is under severe threat! It is a low income earning area, with many pensioners and retirees, some whose families have been here for generations. What is in store for them should these ludicrous water charges come into effect? How do they find the thousands of dollars extra per year to pay the extra fees? Contrary to popular government belief, we do not have money trees growing in our backyards!

The land and house values are sure to be drastically affected. Many could not afford to live in the township and would be forced to sell...Or should that be try to sell! Who would purchase any property in Mt Larcom? Have you heard about the cost of water there?

Some responsibility should be shouldered by the Governments, (Federal, State and Local) to have a fairer spread of charges in an area as large as the local area covers and revenue received. We are currently paying \$ 416 / year just to have the water supply connected, compared to the more affluent areas e.g. Boyne/Tannum who pay only around \$ 150 for the same service.

Any future proposed industry, be it cottage or commercial would simply be shelved as more cost efficient areas would be sought.

These decisions would eventually sound the death knell for a lovely area steeped in history and community pride, so lets stop crucifying the little people and live in a fair and equitable society.

Yours sincerely,

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