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Mr Ralph Donnet
Queensland Competition Authority
GPO Box 2257
Brisbane Qld 4001

Dear Mr Donnet,

I believe all of the water rates should be shared equally among the shires. For instance if a power transformer blows up in Mt. Larcom everybody wears the bill whether in Gladstone, Calliope or Boyne so why isn't it the same with water. Why do Aldoga, Comalco ect get a cheaper water rate than Mt. Larcom. We will have to wear their pollution, why can't they wear some of our water costs. I do believe QCL paid for the water main from Yarwun and it's maintenance so why are we being charged for it.

I would like to know what has caused this sudden huge increase in water costs. If I put my prices up by this percentage the ACCC would be all over me. In my café in order to keep up with Council health regulations I need to use large amounts of water. The increased costs will cripple my business. These huge increases in water charges will ultimately shut my town down. Is this what you want? What ever happened to CPI + 5%? Let's get realistic. All I ask is for a fair deal.

Sincerely yours,

Mr Carl Willcocks
Owner/Manager
Mt. Larcom Cafe

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24 January 2005

Mr Peter Beattie
Premier of Queensland
PO Box 185
Brisbane Albert Street

Dear Mr Beattie,

I would like to know why the investigation into the water pricing of the Gladstone Area Water Board was instigated. I believe we have had town water here in Mt. Larcom for quite a number of years, so why have we been given such a huge price rise.

In the past we have been encouraged to become water wise, now because consumption has dropped we are being severely penalised for it. Though, I fail to see the justification in the intended rise.

We own a small café here in Mt. Larcom and have to abide by all the health and hygiene laws set down by council. This requires a great deal of water. At the rate suggested it would almost make our business unviable and the jobs of our five staff questionable.

Why isn't our water cost shared with the Industrial sites at Aldoga we are all on the same line? A line, which was built by QCL. Compare the cost of our intended water of \$8868 per ML to Aldoga Industrial Area of \$1335 per ML.

The water rates are unreasonable, unworkable and totally unAustralian. If you would like to discuss the matter further are require more information please phone me any time, (I work from 3.30am until 8.30pm seven days a week) on (07) 49751484. Have a happy Australia Day.

Sincerely yours,



Mr Carl Willcocks
Owner/Manager
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