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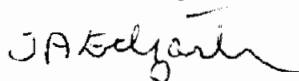
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To my great dismay, I have recently been notified about the proposed new changes to the water rates for Mt Larcom. Please find listed below the following points against such rises.

- Mt Larcom is a low income earning area. Such increases would simply be out of range for the average towns person.
- Residents would probably have to move out of the district because of these charges. Some families have been here for generations.
- Such an increase in water rates would surely decrease land values therefore leaving most land and houses unsaleable.
- The cost of installing water tanks, hiring plumbers e.t.c. would be prohibitive because of the low incomes locally.

I hope this matter can be resolved fairly and equitably with a bit of common sense thrown in for good measure.

Yours truly,



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As manager of the local bowls club, I feel the following points must be raised and questioned.

- Such a decision regarding the water rates would probably cause the closure of the club as the club would not be able to stay connected to the water supply at the proposed rates.
- The club currently employs one permanent and two casual staff members. These positions would be under threat.
- The maintenance of the bowling green would suffer severely.
- We are the only non-profitable club in the district. With closure, the local people would lose a sports, entertainment, and meeting venue.
- Local school would suffer as the club is a sporting venue for many students.
- The club had its own water supplies (in the form of a dam), until Calliope Shire Council insisted on the club connecting to the town water supply.

I hope these arguments against the outlandish proposed water rates do not fall on deaf ears.

Yours sincerely,

JA Edgerton

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