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I AM WRITING IN RESPONSE TO SOME INFORMATION I WAS GIVEN RECENTLY.

APPARENTLY OUR WATER RATES ARE BEING INCREASED BY A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT, FROM 65¢ K/LITRE TO \$8.69 K/LITRE. THIS SEEMS AN ENORMOUS RISE FOR ONE SMALL COMMUNITY AND VERY UNAFFORDABLE TO THE AVERAGE WAGE EARNER NOT TO MENTION THE PENSIONERS.

WHY IS MT LALCOM BEING SINGLEED OUT BY THE QUEENSLAND COMPETITION AUTHORITY I FEEL WE'RE BEING FORCED TO GO BACK 40 YEARS AND REVERT TO TANKS. THESE PRICES WILL DEFINITELY STOP FURTHER DEVELOPMENT IN THIS PART OF THE SHIRE.

QUEENSLAND CEMENT PAID FOR THE WATER MAIN FROM YAKWON SO WHY ARE WE BEING CHARGED AGAIN. I FEEL THIS IS DOUBLE DIPPING.

MY HUSBAND & I HAVE ONLY BEEN HERE SINCE JANUARY 2004. WE PURCHASED A RUN DOWN CARAVAN PARK AND HAVE SPENT A LOT OF TIME, HANDWORK AND MONEY TO IMPROVE IT. ITS NOT A WAGE EARNER AS YET, MY HUSBAND SUPPLEMENTS THE PARK AT THE MOMENT. BY

WORKING AT HIS TRADE WHICH IS A PAINTER. WE'RE HOPEING ONE DAY WE COULD SOLELY RUN THE TOWN AS OUR INCOME, BUT NOW THIS SEEMS UNLIKELY IF THESE ENORMOUS PRICES COME INTO EFFECT.

I PARTICULARLY FEEL FOR THE OLDER RESIDENTS WHO HAVE LIVED ALL THEIR LIVES IN MT LALCOM AND ARE NOW CONSIDERING MOVING INTO A RETIREMENT VILLAGE SOMEWHERE ELSE SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY FOR WATER IN THEIR OWN TOWN. WHICH COMES TO ANOTHER PROBLEM OF DEPRECIATION OF OUR PROPERTIES. WHO IN THEIR RIGHT MIND WOULD NOW BUY IN MT LALCOM. WOULD YOU?

I WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE A RESPONSE TO MY LETTER CONFIRMING AND JUSTIFYING THIS INCREASE.

THANKING YOU
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