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Queensland Competition Authority  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Subject: GAWB Investigation of Pricing

We have purchased a block of land just one kilometre out of Mt. Larcom, although we are not connected to the town supply we rely on delivered water in dry times. Like many others in a similar situation to us, paying upwards of \$300.00 a load for water at a time when rural people can least afford it, is absolutely out of the question.

In the near future we plan to build a house on our block. Now we have to factor in the cost of more tanks and hope we get rain to fill them because town water will be too expensive.

Why has the Authority singled out Mt. Larcom from the rest of the Calliope Shire? Last time we checked the Shire boundary was north of Raglan not south of Mt. Larcom. Why are we being punished for a water line way too big for our requirements? You tell us we are to pay \$8.87 per kl, how did you get that figure. Are we charged on the cost of the over sized line or the correct size line? How did you work out Mt. Larcom's projected growth? These are some of the questions we would like answered before you consider increasing water charges in Mt. Larcom.

Respectfully yours,

Nathan and Linda Monteith

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