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**MT LARCOM WATER AND THE QUEENSLAND COMPETITION  
 AUTHORITY**

I believe the Queensland competition Authority decision to increase the cost of our water by 1300 % is another blatant attempt by State and Local governments to destroy our township for the sake of future industrial development on the Aldoga site.

Mt Larcom is a small rural township ideally situated halfway between to Gladstone and Rockhampton on the Bruce Hi -way. This gives us easy access to the major cities without hassle of city living. (ie Heavy City traffic, noise , Pollution, Crime etc.)

We are told by the council when it spends millions of our ratepayer dollars on larger communities in our shire that we must share the cost for the benefit of the Shire. Now we are told that as we are at the end of the water pipeline we should bear the full cost of this basic necessity of life. If this price increase was to be spread evenly to all water uses minimal impact would be felt across the shire.

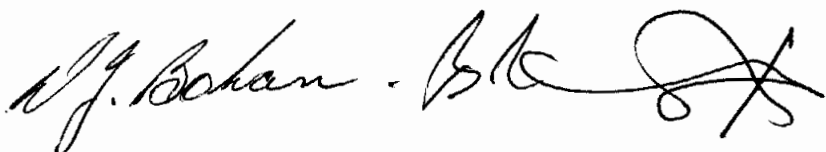
Higher water charges in excess of \$ 8 per m/litre would stop any future development of Mt Larcom , devalue land prices, and place unacceptable hardship on the current residents to meet water rate costs. This extra burden along with the recent destruction of the dairy industry in the area will spell the end of this small rural community and force us into the rat race of city living.

This is totally unacceptably to our community and I strongly urge that more thought be given to this proposal before any final decision is made that will further destroy our community.

Finally I pose the following questions.

- 1 Is the Competition Authority a rubber stamp for the Government to justify it's policies.
- 2 (A) Will the Aldoga industrial developments be charged the same water rates as Mt Larcom township.
- 2 (B) If not what is the proposed rate.
- 2 (C) How is this justified.
- 3 What will residents who install rainwater tanks be charged for the privilege of having town water running past their properties.

Yours faithfully



Concerned Ratepayer of Mt Larcom