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Subject: Queensland Competition Authority Water cost for  
G.A.W.B.

Dear Sir / Madam,

The price being quoted by the G.A.W.B. for the supply of water to Mt Larcom (max price set by Queensland Competition Authority of \$8.69 per kilolitre) is we believe extremely excessive.

While it is quite obvious the water supply is critical in most areas of Queensland we believe that charging exorbitant prices to small communities will not solve the problems.

We do not believe that it is the government's wish to force small communities back into the dark ages or to see them wither and die but this is what will happen if the price of water rises 1300%. Surely other small communities in Queensland are not being subjected to these ridiculous price hikes.

Although this area is not favoured by the local Shire Council, we believe that they are not in agreement with the terrorist like behaviour of the commission holding us to ransom.

It is the ploy by the Government to force people out of this area as a prelude to industry, which is coming to the area and

may cause pollution problems? Mt Larcom is a short distance from this industry and an ideal site for housing for workers for these industries but charges such as the ones proposed will kill off any expansion to the township.

It is our belief that a reasonable rate should be charged for water to an acceptable level and a higher rate for excessive use.

We hope that you will see fit to amend these charges to an acceptable level and give the people living outside of major towns and cities some sort of equal opportunities.

Yours faithfully

B.A. Vandewolf. *[Signature]*

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