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Queensland Competition Authority
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We believe that the unrealistic proposal of increasing Mt Larcom's water rate 1300% is a rude and disgusting gesture.

What we can't understand is how you can justify this ridiculous increase. Neighbouring communities are getting charged a lesser rate for use of water from the same supply as Mt Larcom. This is a completely unreasonable proposal and we feel, as rate paying residents, are being treated ~~un~~fairly and are being treated as a second class community.

It is hard enough to find money to cover everyday living expenses, without having to find this incredible amount of extra money annually. We have a young family and feel that it is our obligation and role as parents to supply the basic essentials to raise our children. This proposal will have a huge impact on our family, as it will on all the families in Mt Larcom, hence making families move away to a somewhat more affordable town. We do not want this to happen as Mt Larcom is a small community to start with and loosing residents ~~due~~ to this outrageous proposal will see Mt Larcom become a ghost town. So can you tell us that you have Mt Larcom's best interest at mind?? We don't think so!

The scary reality of all this is, if we as a community are going to be charged in excess of \$8 per kll, there will be nothing out here. Is that the game plan set out by the Queensland Competition Authority? Do you want Mt Larcom wiped off the map? We can't believe how a small community such as ours is getting such a raw deal! It doesn't make sense, and you can be sure that we will not be sitting back and letting you single us out, we are just as important

and just as established as our neighbouring towns
and you aren't treating them in this unaustralian
manner are you!

We want Mt Larcom to be given a fair go, as we
are all supposed to be equals aren't we???

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