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Queensland Competition Authority,

Dear Sir/Madam,

In reply to your 'Draft for Comment' concerning the pricing of water of Gladstone Area Water Board in relation to the proposed rise of the price to the small township of Mt Larcom. I believe it is proposed to charge us \$8.69 a K/litre. I don't know how this price was arrived at. I understand that Queensland Cement paid for the pipe line and upgraded our existing supply from their mine site. We seem to be the only area of the Calliope Shire to be charged this unaffordable price. I consider it very inequitable.

This price of \$8.69 K/litre is unaffordable to me as an aged pensioner. The Federal & State Governments do everything to help us stay in our homes as we age but this will make it unaffordable to do so. I also feel this will lower the value of our home.

yours Sincerely
Mrs. Ann Cope.