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K & S Holzheimer
27 Gladstone Street
Mt Larcom Q 4695

24 January 2005

Queensland Competition Authority
GPO Box 2257
Brisbane Q 4001

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The suggested water price will hinder further development in our shire and householders will find it difficult to sell their properties.

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The time frame given has been too short for research and to seek professional advice.

Yours sincerely

The block contains two handwritten signatures in cursive. The first signature is 'K. Holzheimer' and the second is 'S. Holzheimer'. They are written in dark ink and are positioned to the right of the typed name 'Kevin & Shirley Holzheimer'.

Kevin & Shirley Holzheimer

Ralph Donnet

From: Catherine Hargreaves [achargreaves5@bigpond.com]
Sent: Saturday, 22 January 2005 4:11 PM
To: Water Investigation
Subject: Submission:- Increase of Water Rates in Mt Larcom

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