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SUBJECT: Queensland Competition Authority Water Costs For G.A.W.B.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I believe the price being quoted by the Gladstone Area Water Board for the supply of water to Mt Larcom (max price set by the Queensland Competition Authority of \$8.69 per kilolitre) is extremely excessive.

We the residents of Mt. Larcom should not be penalised because we are at the very end of the water network from the Awoonga Dam. The cost of the water should be shared equally by the residents of the whole Shire. We the residents of Mt Larcom pay nearly four times the amount paid in other areas of the Shire for the water service to our properties. We should not be penalised again by paying this excessive amount for water usage.

The suggested water price is not affordable and will stop any further development in this part of the Shire. Also we will be unable to sell our properties if we so desired.

Are we being singled out by the Queensland Competition Authority or the Gladstone Area Water Board? If this is the case what is the motive.

If these charges are put into place we will be left with no alternative but to put in rain water tanks and disconnect from the reticulated water supply. This would be turning the clock back some 40 years.

It is my belief that a reasonable rate should be



charged (equally throughout the shire) for water to an acceptable level and then a higher rate for excessive usage.

I hope that you will see fit to amend these charges to an acceptable level and allow our community to continue to survive and grow. We deserve the same rights and opportunities as larger areas.

Yours faithfully

Wil. Ellingsen

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