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Queensland Competition Authority
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Dear Sir/Madam

**RE PROPOSED WATER COST INCREASE TO MT LARCOM & DISTRICT SHOW
SOCIETY INC**

We wish to register our support for Mt Larcom & District Show Society Inc with their objection to the new proposed water cost increase to the Society.

As an equestrian group whose primary activity is dressage, our club maintains two dressage arenas under tenure at Mt Larcom Show grounds. Our club conducts four official dressage competitions a year, training schools and a mini hack day at the show grounds. Competitors and their horses/ponies travel from Central Queensland, Bundaberg and west from Emerald/Blackwater areas. As such we provide a venue for strong dressage competition within Central Queensland.

Having available water is essential for horses to drink and be washed down after competition. Also, competitors having travelled long distances need showers and toilet facilities, as well as water for cooking purposes.

To impose such an increase on Mt Larcom & District Show Society Inc would have a detrimental impact on all clubs operating at their grounds. In fact, it could result in clubs closing as they couldn't afford the extra charge. All clubs now struggle raising funds to cover their Public Liability Insurance.

To lose the Mt Larcom Show grounds as a venue for our sport and other equestrian pursuits would be a tragedy and we ask that consideration of these prohibitive costs be given.

Yours sincerely
GLADSTONE CALLIOPE EQUESTRIAN GROUP INC

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beverley Belser".

Beverley Belser
Treasurer

c.c. Mrs Liz Cunningham
Mr Paul Neville