

Mt Larcom & District Show Society Inc.

Narrows Road, PO Box 49, Mt Larcom 4695

ABN 57 504 623 342

24th January 2005

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QLD COMPETITION AUTHORITY

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Queensland Competition Authority
G.P.O. Box 2257
Brisbane 4001

Dear Sir / Madam,

On behalf of the Mt Larcom & District Show Society, I wish to express great concern for what we believe will be the future cost of reticulated water in the township of Mt Larcom.

The Mt Larcom & District Show Society Inc is a non-profit body, run entirely by volunteers for the benefit of the community of Mt Larcom. In recent times we have been struggling to meet the increased cost of Public Liability insurance and the proposed cost increases to our water supply could mean that our society will cease to exist.

Mt Larcom hosts the ONLY agricultural show in the Calliope Shire and maintains and upgrades the only public land facility in the Mt Larcom District. The grounds are used by the Show Society to host the following activities :

- The annual Agricultural Show
- The annual Mt Larcom Rodeo
- The annual Mt Larcom Progressive Dinner
- Monthly meetings

The following groups have facilities on our grounds:

- Mt Larcom Pony Club
- Silver Spurs Western Performance Club Inc
- Gladstone Calliope Equestrian Group Inc
- Mt Larcom RSL
- Mt Larcom & District Social Kennel and Obedience Club

Our grounds are also used by the following groups :

- The Queensland State Schools Equestrian Group
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- The Variety Club of Queensland
- The Mt Larcom SES Group
- Mt Larcom State School & Secondary Department
- Miriamvale State School & Secondary Department

and individuals for other functions.

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Although the Showgrounds does have a small dam, it would be highly impracticable and financially impossible to disconnect the town water and set up the necessary infrastructure to operate from the existing dam. We also have serious concerns about the safety of an open dam.

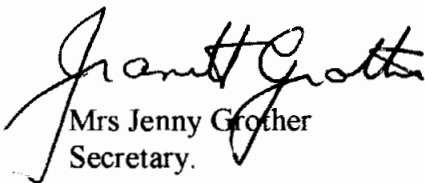
Using the proposed water cost increase to determine a projection of costs, our water costs would rise from the current cost of \$810.44 (which we paid in November 2004) to somewhere in the vicinity of \$12,000.00.

It is well known that the cost of Public Liability Insurance has meant the demise of many non-profit community groups. At the present time, our members work every Saturday afternoon at the local hotel running Goose Club raffles. The money raised by these raffles goes solely towards paying the cost of our Public Liability Insurance. (Currently in the vicinity of \$7,000.00 per year.) It is not possible for the Show Society's volunteers to work (and the community to support) further fundraising ventures that would raise another \$12,000.00 to pay for water. Just as we cannot run without Public Liability Insurance, we cannot run without water.

On behalf of the Society and the community of Mt Larcom I would ask that this matter be given further serious consideration. Our Society provides a vital service to the community of Mt Larcom and needs to be allowed to remain viable.

Thanking you for your serious consideration of this issue.

Kind regards



Mrs Jenny Grother
Secretary.

Cc : Qld Chamber of Agricultural Societies; The CQ Sub-Chamber of Agricultural Societies; Mrs Liz Cunningham; Mr Paul Neville MP.

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