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**The Returned & Services League of Australia  
Mt Larcom Sub Branch**

P.O. Box 1713  
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8<sup>th</sup> February 2005

Queensland Competition Authority  
GPO Box 2257  
BRISBANE 4001

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Mt. Larcom Sub Branch, I wish to express great concern at the proposed future cost of reticulated water in the township of Mt Larcom.

The RSL is a non profit body, run by ex-service volunteer personnel, for the benefit of the ex-service community in the Mt. Larcom district. Our operating funds are achieved through local fundraising activities. We compete for the limited local community fund raising dollars with the following volunteer local organisations:

- Mt Larcom Show Society
- Mt Larcom Pony Club
- Silver Spurs Western Performance Club Inc
- Gladstone Calliope Equestrian Group Inc
- Westowe Rural Fire Brigade
- Mt Larcom & District Social Kennel and Obedience Club
- 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
- Mt Larcom Cricket Club

We believe that the projected increase in the cost of water to the Community oriented organisations will inevitably lead to their financial demise of some or all of us.

Mt Larcom and district local communities rely on the important service provided by these volunteer organisations. The provision of affordable clean drinking water is absolutely essential for all the community.

I urge you to seriously consider the effect in our Community should water be priced out of their reach.

Yours sincerely



Robert Kent  
Secretary/Treasurer

Mt. Larcom RSL Sub-branch

Cc: Mt Larcom Show Society; Mrs Liz Cunningham; Mr Paul Neville MP