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P.O. Box 91

St. Lawrence 4695

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The Chairman,
Old Competition Authority
P.O. Box 2257
Brisbane

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am an eighty-two years old concerned citizen of St. Lawrence. I have lived in the St. Lawrence district since 1943 and am horrified to think that the cost of water supplied to St. Lawrence is set to rise from 65c K/litre to \$ 8.69 K/litre which is a rise of 1300%. We could not afford water at this price.

Other areas of the Calliope Shire are to receive water with a price rise of 100% because they are within a shorter distance of the Ansonga Dam. I believe we are all citizens of the Shire and as such should be treated equally. When there were "Divisions" in the Shire, "Division 1" (which was St. Lawrence) carried the other "Divisions" for many years till they became established & last as the saying goes - "Eaten bread is soon forgotten".

I believe that if this unfair treatment of the town goes ahead then St. Lawrence will go out of existence.

Is there any reason why St. Lawrence has been singled out by the Qld Competition Authority? If this treatment is extended to other communities it will spell the death of rural Australia.

I am heartbroken to think this unfair treatment would be allowed. The State Government needs to be called to account for the activities of the Queensland Competition Authority.

It appears to me that we are being treated as second class citizens. Is there anywhere else in the State where water is dearer? We think we deserve better.

We are wondering if nothing is done would it be an advantage for us to ask "Today Tonight" to take up our cause?

A worried Citizen
Angela Brady.