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To: Water Investigation
Subject: Draft for Comment - Water Price Rise

Dear Sir/Madam,

We believe that the recommendations outlined in your 'Draft for Comment' on the GAWB pricing of water for the Mt Larcom area are outrageous and ridiculous.

We believe that the residents are being punished for being at the end of the water network.

It is not our fault that we are but a few and the Calliope Shire Council will not let the area progress.

If the price rise goes ahead to its fullest extent or even by half of the projected costing it will be the death of the town not only financially, because we are not rich folk and can ill afford such outlaying of cash, but it will be the social death of the town.

Many of what few facilities we have will no longer be able to function as on top of the exorbitant Public Liability Insurance bills, the inflated water costs will simply be unaffordable, therefore they will have to close down and thus we will no longer have access to these facilities.

The only way the local school will be able to afford the inflated water rates will be to take valuable funds away from curriculum areas which in turn will affect the educational outcomes for the students for as sure as eggs no help will come from Education Queensland (and Mr Beattie) in footing the bill.

We believe the information used to ascertain that the water pipeline has to be paid for by the residents is erroneous as this was taken care of when Cement Australia, then Qld Cement Ltd, funded the implementation of the pipeline. This surely has been paid for many times over since the pipeline was put in twenty years ago, by the residents by way of their water rates.

In closing we sincerely hope that these recommendations be dropped or seriously modified so that we are being treated like our fellow shire residents in Tannum Sands, Boyne Island, Calliope itself, not to mention Gladstone city.

Yours in outrage,

Colleen and Craig Krapkat

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