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Mount Larcom Water Charge

Dear Sir,

Larcom Lodge is a property owner in the Mount Larcom township. We are a self funded body, and will incur the increased water charges being forecast by the Calliope Shire Council. We therefore add our objection to the size of the increase being proposed.

We acknowledge that the principle of "user pays", the relatively small water demand by the township, and the Minister's terms of reference to the pricing inquiry will all tend to magnify the assessed cost of delivering domestic water to Mt Larcom. The consultant will also assume a worst case situation with maximum risk, presume a drought type restricted usage scenario, make no allowance for transferred assets, and apply the highest expected operating costs.

These factors have then been translated into the maximum allowable water charge, presented as \$8.69 / kl.

The biggest objection is to the way that Calliope Shire Council and GAWB have led the residents of Mt Larcom to believe that this definitely will be their revised water charge. This way, there will be no community reaction when the new water charge turns out to be only 3 -5 times the present rate.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'P Borchardt'.

Paul Borchardt
Secretary