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From: John & Bev [johnbev@hotmail.net.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 25 January 2005 2:30 PM
To: Water Investigation
Subject: Proposed Increases to Water Charges

Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to express our concern and displeasure at the possibility of increased water charges for Gladstone and surrounding area by the Gladstone Area Water Board.

The reported possible charges for the small township of Mt Larcom are unbelievable and atrocious. Most people cannot afford water charges of \$2000 per annum and such payment should not be expected of them for such a necessary commodity as water.

We are highly disgusted too at the prospect of Gladstone residents having to pay an increased water charge because they have conserved water, as requested of them, so the GAWB can maintain the same revenue. Where is the justice in this? Where is the incentive to conserve?

The supply of water should not be seen as a revenue earner for water boards and hence government. It should be a basic service, not an opportunity for the state government to rake in another dividend.

Bev & John McKay,
Gladstone.