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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to voice my objection to the water price rise proposal by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission for the Gladstone and surrounding areas. This proposal is simply a joke that reeks of typical political interference by Peter Beattie whose only agenda for this area is to provide for big industry. "In this case the raising of the Ansoonga Dam wall," as well as reduced water rates for "Big Industry," at the expense of the local areas citizens living standards.

Through the latest drought up to 2004, the residents of Gladstone and surrounding areas were demanded by local councils to reduce water consumption as the situation was becoming desperate. The public responded well with a huge water usage reduction, a reduction that has been ongoing thanks to the responsible attitude of the public and the further urging of the councils to keep up our diligence.

We now find we have been slapped in the face for our responsible and community minded attitude with a proposal that would have us paying the highest water rates in the country, just because we are using less water and the Gladstone Area Water Board is not, "at short term", able to sell as much water as it did in the past. This situation would obviously change in the future when more big industry is set up, but the public should not be expected to subsidize Industry.

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