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Dear Sir or Madam:

My name is Tia Rauch and I live in a small forgotten town of Mt. Larcom. In this tight knit community most of the people are senior citizens or young families trying to make a go of it.

If the water rates go up the town will suffer greatly and the few remaining shops as well. I am 20 years old and work at the only café in town. The increase in the water rates will affect the business as it uses a lot of water to maintain hygiene standards and in turn may affect my job. There is nowhere else in Mt. Larcom to get a job, so I would have to leave home and Mt. Larcom as I don't have a car to travel the 70km round trip to Gladstone each day. There are four other young people who work at the café. What are they to do?

The water prices should be shared out over the whole shire, including industry. Why does Aldoga get a far cheaper water price when a lot of the recent infrastructure has gone into setting up the water for there?

In the third world we are sponsoring people to sink bores and give them clean water, as it is everyone's right to have fresh water. We have the water but can't afford to use it.

The run off from Cement Australia is more that the town of Mt. Larcom needs. Could something be done with that?

All the people of Mt. Larcom ask for is a fair deal, nothing more and definitely nothing less.

Yours truly,

Miss Tia Rauch