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Queensland Competition Authority
GPO Box 2257
BRISBANE 4001.

Re:- Proposed Water Charges For Mt. Larcom Residents

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Yours faithfully,

R.J. and D.M. Ward.

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