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Dear Madam/Sir.

RE: Coliban Water Draft submission

I am writing to express my grave concerns regarding the planned roll out of digital smart meters for water. I am electro-sensitive and have physical issues with Electro-Magnetic Radiation (EMR). Our environment is becoming increasingly saturated with EMR. The health hazards of Wi-fi devices are increasingly receiving greater news coverage, and I am both perplexed and disturbed to find that you have no provision for opting out of the digital meters. Is it within your duty of care to ensure that customers are not harmed by your smart meters?

I have no wifi in my home. I have a low SAR mobile phone for emergencies, and I mostly use my landline. I do have a smart meter for my electricity - one that was installed in my absence and therefore forced upon me - and I have already suffered physical symptoms due to that device. I understand that smart technology is being pushed as being 'smart' but I would urge you to research the effects of EMR. Sites such as <http://www.emraustralia.com.au> advocate for the rights of the consumer and the individual to be safe and from harm. Furthermore I would ask that you follow the Precautionary Principle in this matter, as the accumulative affects of EMR on humans over time are unknown.

It is unethical to knowingly expose your customers to the dangers of EMR, and so I trust that this letter moves you to at the very least, consider offering customers the ability to opt out of the digital meter.

Yours truly,

Carmela Leone