

**From Cr Tim Hayes
Cameron Ward Councillor
Hepburn Shire Council**



16 October 2007

The Essential Services Commission
Level 2
35 Spring Street
Melbourne 3000

Dear Sirs,

Central Highlands Region Water Corporation – 2008-2013 Water Plan

Attached is a petition signed by 225 persons.

The petition requests the Essential Services Commission to reject the Central Highlands Region Water Corporation 2008-2013 Water Plan for the following reasons:

- 1. Inadequate public consultation was undertaken by the Authority with residents being provided with only 3 full working days in which to comment in regard to the Plan;**
- 2. The proposed increases of between 55% and 71% (depending on the two payment options provided) will have a serious impact on the community's ability to pay such massive rates; and**
- 3. The community of Clunes is being expected to contribute to the cost of infrastructure from which it will receive NO benefit – it is effectively subsidizing other towns in the CHW Region.**

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Hayes".

Tim Hayes
Councillor

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Dear Sir,

Central Highlands Region Water Corporation – 2008-2013 Water Plan

We, the undersigned ratepayers within the Central Highlands Region Water Authority request the Essential Services Commission to reject the Central Highlands Water Authority's 2008-2013 Water Plan for the following reasons:

1. Inadequate public consultation was undertaken by the Authority with residents being provided with only 3 full working days in which to comment in regard to the Plan;
2. The proposed increases of between 55% and 71% (depending on the two payment options provided) will have a serious impact on the community's ability to pay such massive rates;
3. The community of Clunes is being expected to contribute to the cost of infrastructure from which it will receive NO benefit – it is effectively subsidizing other towns in the CHW Region.

The Commission has removed the names and addresses for privacy reasons.