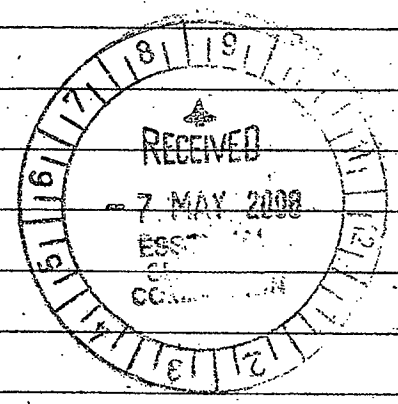


Submission - Gum water charges.

ESSENTIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

AFTER ATTENDING THE ESE SEMINAR IN HORSHAM I FEEL THE ESE WAS ONLY RUBBER STAMPING THE GUM WATER COMM WATER COST RISES. I MAY I POINT OUT AS I SPOKE THAT AS A PAST CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEMBER (NOW DISBANDED) I HAVE HAD MANY OLDER TYPE PERSON HORRIFIED BY THE MAGNITUDE OF THESE RISES. WE ARGUABLY HAVE THE HIGHEST WATER RATES IN VICTORIA. THE WATER COST SHOULD RISE BUT THE CHARGES ARE A DISGRACE PERHAPS IT WOULD BE FAIRER TO PAY THE CHARGES ONCE A YEAR NOT EVERY BILL. WHO IS ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE BUDGET COST OF THE PIPELINE WE HAVE SPENT OUR BUDGET PERHAPS WHAT IS TO STOP ANOTHER VINE THESE COSTS COME DOWN WHEN THE PROJECT IS PAID FOR. ARARAT RESIDENTS ARE A AGEING COMMUNITY AND SOME OF THESE RESIDENTS ARE AGAINST AND EXTREMELY WORRIED ITS THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD SUCH A RISE. WHILE I REALISE YOUR MIND IS MADE UP I FEEL COMPELLED TO WRITE

I Remain
Yours Truly
Bob Cairns



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