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Subject C/08/7151: price

To the Essential Services Commissioners

With regard to the proposed hike in the cost of water.

Do you realise that here in the country most people are already struggling to cope with the ridiculous costs that you the commissioners are placing on us, now you want to raise the cost of water, in our opinion this will be the death knell of a lot of small country towns, towns that the Government supposedly wish to see survive, when is the reality going to set in that raising the costs of any product will help the consumer to cope, all it does is make those private companies richer without regard to the consequences.

We think that it would be more appropriate for you to have a good look at some of their practises, if we put in a quote for a certain project then we are obligated to ensure that we realise that project within the costs quoted, not come running for further handouts thinly disguised as rate rise.

think about the consequences in the future, it is no good having all these small rural areas watered etc, if there is no one left to make use of the product.

for and on behalf of the Members of Minyip Progress Association Inc. and all others.

John Morley Secretary