

2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2013

Essential Services Commission  
Level 37 / 2 Lonsdale St  
Melbourne, 3000

**RE: SUBMISSION TO THE WATER PRICE REVIEW (South Gippsland Water 'Water Plan III')**

Dear Commissioner,

I own a 190 acre beef farm adjacent the Poowong township to the southeast. Since purchasing the property in 1992, I have often complained to the South Gippsland Shire Council (Korumburra Shire Council prior to amalgamation) regarding the contaminated water that enters my property in stormwater drains from the Poowong township. In the early 2000's these drains were tested by South Gippsland Water and were found to contain high levels E. Coli and faecal contamination. During my 21 years farming the property, I have had considerable issues with livestock health as a result of contaminated water entering the livestock water supply. One of my two large dams is completely unusable as it is contaminated by Blue-Green Algae, therefore reducing available water supply for my livestock business.

Please allow South Gippsland Water to make a small increase in water charges that will allow the construction of the Loch, Nyora & Poowong Sewerage Scheme. I have waited patiently for many years for this project to proceed and solve the problems I am faced with, but I am afraid I cannot tolerate any further undue delays and indefinite completion dates. I will be forced to engage the services of a legal practitioner to demand that Council enforces compliance upon those properties who are discharging waste water / sewerage into my property.

Yours Sincerely,

Michael Brunt