



18th. January, 2012.

Dean Wickenton,
Essential Services Commission,
Level 2,
35 Spring Street,
MELBOURNE. 3000.

Dear Sir, Re: Review of Barwon Water Prices.

Having been a farmer for 30 years, and having of necessity realised the value of water as a finite resource, I am appalled at the shocking wastage of water by most irresponsible home occupants. I am totally in favour of increasing the cost of water used, but not of the Service Charges for same. It seems the only way to make people realise the value of water, is to hit them in the hip pocket.

People who are responsible in their use of water, are careful in their use of the toilet flushing, as well as general water use, so should not be penalised by having sewerage prices increased.

Preferred Timing :- The timing of the increase should be from 1st. July 2012. While water storages are healthy again at present, this will not last. The population and development in the Geelong area is exploding, and the likelihood of return to drought conditions is high.

What Tariffs Should Change:- The changes in pricing should apply to water only, not to water and sewerage, for the reasons set out above.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jocelyn M. Banks".

Jocelyn M. Banks.