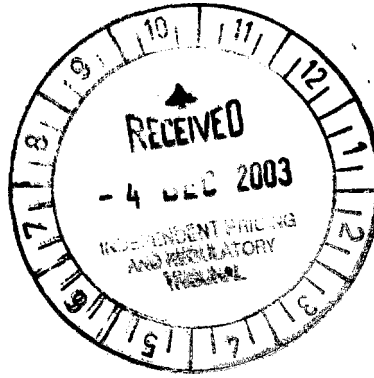


3 December 2003

Independent Pricing and Regulation Tribunal
PO BOX Q 290
QVB Post Office
NSW 1230



Attention: Mr Bob Burford

Dear Mr Burford,

Re: (DELETED)

The proposed method to increase fees of PO leases leaves a lot to be desired. I lease from the Crown an area of water which I have permission to build a jetty. I have license for the area not a freehold, I do not see how this is related to the freehold of my home. This facility was built and is maintained by me.

Of interest, as experienced by myself and adjoining PO lessees the depth at the end of our jetty's is less than one metre at low tide. Mine and adjoining jetty's have silted up over the years. I certainly do not have a "deep water berthing facility. The original lease was for a deep berthing area. The Land & Water Conservation have not dredged my berth and will not allow me to dredge. I refer to it as the "Claytons jetty".

My jetty is often accessed by the public, I do not mind this as they use it for fishing.

I am in a catch 22 situation, my home increases in value because of the jetty. My jetty increases in value because of my home. Due to this situation my Council rates increase, my land tax increases and now my jetty licence fee is about to have a substantial increase. Is this fair?

This is not relevant but it bugs me, I am a retiree, the results of my working hard for forty years, paying my rates and taxes since my first job as an apprentice in 1952, now find I live with continuous tadfee increases!! Some incentive!! It looks like my wife and I will have to sell in the near future. Our Governments are tax crazy. We currently pay \$485.00 per week for rates, PO fees and land tax.

I attach copies of rates, taxes and a valuation increase. This does not include a notice of POI Jetty proposed licensed fees. To date I have not received any notice or communication from the Government regarding same, it seems the lessees of Permissive Occupancies, the precipitants of the proposed increase do not matter.

Your serious consideration of the PO lessees fee increase appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lindsay and Jeanne Hughes'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lindsay and Jeanne Hughes