

Dear President,

RE: DSP Charges for the Yarrunga Industrial Land Release.

I note that the above area was only released for industrial zoning on or about mid July 2007.

I also note that prior to area being released for Industrial Zoning DSP charge per hectare were approximately set at about \$88,000.00 per hectare.

At present Sydney's water published DSP price list puts the cahrges at approximately \$465,000.00 per hectare.

This represnet an increase from 2006 to 2007 of approximately 528% increase in charges per hectare.

As land owner who has purchased the property in 1981, having to put up very minimal services from all government utilities including local government I isntantly see the evaporation of approximately \$1,200,000.00 from my superannuation to government utilities.

I bought my property in 1981 with rumors at that time that the area is ear marked for future industrial release.

I note that the area become the subject of discussion for industrial release in 1988-1989.

Being an infill with planning going back as long as 30 years ago I do not know how Sydney Water could justify such an increase even if was to consider the investment it made around 2004 in the Liverpool sewre and darinage works.

We at the Yarrunga Estate have been asked to contribute most if not all the cost to the system upgrade.

I note that other completely new area like the Badgery Creek and Wetherill Park release attract little or no impost by Sydney Water.

I find difficult to accept such increase could be justified or that any one in our society today could accept a 530% increase in fees and charges in the space of one year.

I am aware that couple of large development applications may have been approved by Council as soon as the land was released industrial and it could be said that the developers in those cases have paid the amount closer to \$88,000.00 per hectare and not th new charges.

The fact that some large corporation have apid the lower sum mkes a mockery of a system when the small average land owner is forced to loose \$500,000.00 in oredr to achieve similar result as to the large corporation. We are not greedy land holders just average people who have made an investment for their superannuation and hope that no government utility would come along and take it all away.

Who is kidding who as to the spirit of the Trade Practice Act which in principle is designed to promote "equal" bargaining position between the small and the very large multi nationals.

I loudly voice my objection to what has ocured when Sydney Water has burdened every other land owner in the area with such a huge increase and would be prepared to withdraw any potentila development like every one else in the area should Sydney Water not review its charges and bring the said charges to their original values of 2006.

I trust the Tribunal would look more at what supposed to be the Government Policy to encourage job growth in the Liverpool which is negatively impacted on by huge impost by other government's utilities.

The Tribunal ought to be mindful of the fact that the extra impost by Sydney Water could amount to the collection of approximately \$80,000,000.00 enough money for the land owners at Liverpool to consider building their own treatment plant.

I thank you for considering this submission.

Yours faithfully

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Tony Barber