



Silverton Village

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Mr Richard Warner
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Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
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**Country Energy Water and Sewerage Charges 2010
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal**

Dear Mr Warner,

The Silverton Village Committee Inc. recently held a general meeting where one of the topics of discussion was IPART's draft report into the prices Country Energy will be allowed to charge commencing 1 July 2010. The residents of Silverton attending the meeting were generally satisfied with the price increase imposed on them and no negative responses were noted.

The Silverton Village Committee Inc. is in the unique position of not having issues with trade waste, the upkeep of parks and gardens, swimming complexes etc. so we do not have a situation where these costs would normally have to be passed on to residents via rates. With this in mind, the increase to Silverton does not present a major concern.

The Tribunal Hearing has had one very positive outcome for Silverton, in that shortly after the hearing, the Silverton Village Committee Inc., was contacted by management staff of Country Water with a view to discussing Silverton's water issues as pointed out in our submission. Silverton receives a chlorinated water supply from Country Water and the quality of this water varies enormously. Residents of Silverton have been lobbying for years to have the water supply improved, but to no avail. Country Water has now agreed to look into the needs of the village and work towards replacing reticulation and providing treated water. The Silverton Village Committee Inc. has agreed to being proactive in this project and working with Country Water to achieve a positive outcome.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Helen Murray'.

Helen Murray
Secretary

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