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Dear Mark,

The Mount Compass Community Association (MCCA) has over 100 members, many of whom are directly affected by the decision which will be taken by the ESCOSA water pricing determination because they live in the Mount Compass Golf Course Estate land zoning.

The MCCA committee has reviewed the [Rebusto Investments Pty Ltd Drinking Water Preservation Regulatory Determination: Draft Decision](#) at a meeting on the 3rd of May.

Over 30 people attended the meeting. We discussed the details of determination and came up with the following concerns:

- We find the determination pricing well above the SA Water water supply charges.
- Water supply is an essential service and therefore needs to be delivered at a price which is affordable to the most disadvantaged within our community.
- Is community consultation a requirement for ESCOSA? If so, Mount Compass residents need to have an opportunity to have the pricing explained.
- We are still unclear as to how the calculations were derived. We would like ESCOSA to attend a meeting to provide details.
- We are not clear whether the pricing regime supports water conservation.
- ESCOSA is currently in dispute with Robusto Investments (Compass Springs) which means that the current determination has not been settled.

For all these reasons, **we would like ESCOSA to defer its determination until such time as the SACAT dispute has been resolved.** Then, our community will know what this resolution will have on our past bills. No doubt this will also have an impact on any future water pricing determinations.

Please advise us as soon as possible of your willingness to defer the decision beyond 12 May so that we can inform our members and the larger community.

The MCCA is committed to ensuring that there is a voice representing Mount Compass and surrounding area.

Yours sincerely,
Paul Birkwood
Secretary MCCA

On behalf of Chair Stewart Glass, the committee and members of MCCA

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