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Essential Services Commission of South Australia
GPO Box 2605
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23 February 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re Orroroo Water Quality

We are a family of five who live on a Sheep and Cattle Station 40kms North East of Orroroo and we also have a residential and commercial property in Orroroo. This afternoon we attended the SA Water Public Forum presented by Steve Dangerfield. It was with great disappointment to hear that ESCOSA handed down its draft determination stating that the current water supply in Orroroo is healthy for Orroroo residents to drink at 1900 ppm, despite it being well over the recommended limit of 1200 ppm.

Orroroo is an extremely hot and dry region in the state of South Australia, situated on Goyder's Line, and the Orroroo residents deserve the essential service of good quality water. The community has been directly lobbying for this basic need for the past 16 years and we have now been told that to alter the determination assessment, so that ESCOSA reassesses and supports the Orroroo Water Quality Project, that all residents and property owners supporting the scheme are now required to indicate that the water will be connected and used within all households. We feel that this is an insult to the Orroroo community. It is more than obvious that once the water quality is improved, that there will be an immediate increase in SA Water consumption. The residents have purchased and maintained rain water tanks and pressure pumps as a matter of necessity in the past and are entitled to improved water supply and quality.

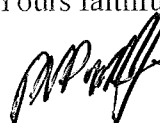
As ESCOSA are aware, extremely good quality water (187 ppm) is currently available in Peterborough, 40kms from Orroroo, and with the existing corridor of the disused railway line joining the two towns, installation of a pipeline would be the most logical and economic option to deliver this essential service.

This is matter of great urgency. Orroroo is a beautiful town filled with hard working, community orientated individuals who deserve to be treated with respect, as well as a higher standard of essential services and we look forward to receiving a positive outcome for our future in your final determination in May 2016.

Please contact us on [REDACTED] if you have any queries.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,



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