

(No. 59.)



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LAUNCESTON WATER BILL.

PETITION OF 83 INHABITANTS IN ITS FAVOUR.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Douglas, and ordered by the House to be printed,
23 August, 1866.



To the Honorable the House of Assembly of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of Launceston in the said Colony.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT Petitioners have heard with satisfaction of the introduction into your Honorable House of a Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Launceston to borrow the sum of £4000 for the improvement of the Water Supply of the Town.

That Petitioners have property, or reside, in the higher levels of the town, and experience great inconvenience arising from the intermittent and insufficient supply of Water, the supply of the lower levels being constant night and day.

That during the past summer months the Water never reached the houses so situated before late in the night, and frequently not for several days and nights in succession,—which in event of fire would have led to serious losses.

That Petitioners believe this inconvenience mainly resulted from the extension of the mains in the lower levels into new localities, far beyond the distance originally estimated for by the Engineer.

That, notwithstanding, the Rates payable by Petitioners are on the same scale with those paid by persons enjoying an abundant supply night and day throughout the year in the lower levels.

That the Municipal Council, impressed with a sense of the injustice in that respect experienced by the residents on higher levels, have resolved to increase the supply by an additional main laid direct to the high levels; and, in consequence of this decision, apply for powers to borrow the necessary funds.

That the additional interest at 6 per centum will be only £240 per annum, not more than one penny in the pound of the whole assessment of the town.

Petitioners therefore pray that your Honorable House will pass the said Bill, and thus enable the Corporation to relieve your Petitioners from a most serious grievance, and their property from terrible risk.

And, as in duty bound, they will ever pray.

[Here follow 83 Signatures.]