

Dear Honourable

September 1st 2020

Hon Tania Rattray (MLC) (Chair)

Hon Robert Armstrong (MLC)

Hon Sarah Lovell (Deputy)

Hon Ivan Dean (MLC)

To The Inquiry on Pioneer Water

I own and run my B&B in Pioneer called Pioneer Lodge. The process of trying to get acceptable clean healthy DRINKING WATER for my customers has and still does cause me to feel devastation and distress and has caused me to have health issues.

I consciously went through council procedures to open in 2012 and then after opening was devastated to close again due to an announcement from Tas Water (then Ben Lomond Water) and I was diagnosed with iron overload level in Late 2012 and informed by DHHS.

Our towns water was contamination by heavy metals and a DO NOT CONSUME notice had been put on our town. I closed my business for 3years as I did not want to put guest's health at risk.

In 2014 Tas Water and Ben Lomond Water became one, the town folk was desperate for answers and still needed Clean Healthy drinking water and now in a situation of utter despair over watching Tas workers drive in and out of our town wasting time and money while we fought as our lives depended on it.

In Dec 2015 Tas water rolled out 24000liter Water Tanks one installed in Dec and one installed in Feb 2016 this tank was faulty so rather than lose the rain water that I had I purchased another tank, only to discover in 2019 all three tanks were full of Mould & Mildew – (Cancer causing Heavy Metals Lead & Cadmium). I am now fearful for my guests and my own health as well as the health of my immediate family.

I should have been able to Trust (Tas Water/ The Department of Health/Council) to be checking all aspects of Safety as they were aware that my B&B business was operating.

When Pitt & Sherry sent me my results in 2019 I immediately contacted Tas Water for bottled water for myself and my guests. Now Tas water bring me water in 600ml bottles each week and deliver treated water from Scottsdale in my tanks for showering.

NOW KNOW AS (The Failed Tank Program) in Pioneer. Our town has fought long and hard to get Treated Water to our town and this can be seen on the internet with many articles from-

Tim Slade – Jenny Bellinger – Lin Simpson – Pioneer Water - Many articles put up

McQuarrie University Science by Paul Harvey and Mark Taylor

Hundreds of Letters to Politicians/Health Department/Tas Water/Council/News Papers/Radio/Tv News/). And all for nothing.

Pioneer had its Water Stolen in 2008-2009 13.7mega litres from the Frome Dam and given to irrigation,

Tas water want us to wait another 3 years to get a treated water supply

WHAT IS REALY GOING ON HERE.

Please audit Tas Water and see how much money has been spent by Tas Water on the Township of Pioneer Including all the consultative reports from- (GHD/JACOBS?/PITT &SHERRY /Contract & Decisions) & (THE \$30,000SPENT TO REFUTE) McQuarrie University Report By Paul Harvey & Mark Taylor.

In Dec 2019 Tas Water announced that they would bring us treated Water within 3 years. To date the town have not had any correspondence or meetings with Tas Water on why 3 Years.

Tas Water have Carpet Bagged our town with their divide and conquer methods Lies and deceit and need to be held accountable for there malfeasance on the water issue in Pioneer.

It took Pioneer 10years to get clean Water in 1939.

Linette Simpson

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