

TASWATER Select Committee Inquiry.

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Deloraine School Shop (Takeaway)

We wish to submit to the Committee that the combination of tradewaste charges and compulsory greasetraps by TasWater are grossly unfair . The idea that every shop must have a greasetrap to be on a level playing field , or in their own words “ not to financially disadvantage others “ is nonsense when one might spend \$5,000 and another have to spend \$60,000 or more. What is fair about that ? There are also many shops in country areas and small towns that are lucky enough not to have to deal with TasWater and not subject to that type of interference in business matters .

Our shop is a take-away shop serving fish and chips and burgers . We use vegetable oil vat cooking , and no oil from that goes down the sink , and being a take-away with no table service there is no washing up . The burgers etc are cooked on a griddle plate that is scraped and wiped clean , and when cleaning up the washing up is two wire baskets , a pair of tongs , and a scraper from the griddle plate . TasWater should have a much more sensible assessment process as the “ one size fits all “ approach is unfair to small shops .

The effect on our business over the past two years has been very serious . Our business has been on the market , but we cannot sell a non-compliant business , and it is unfair to expect us to install a greasetrap when it is based on the “level playing field nonsense “. Once installed TasWater require that it be pumped out every three months – and that would add \$1,200 a year to our costs , and all for no useful purpose . The TasWater assumptions of grease risk are totally exaggerated and the tradewaste connection fee is far too high to be justified as cost recovery .

We have received no help from our local Council in the problems with TasWater , and none from our local Government members either . We hope that the Committee will recommend that changes are made to the way that TasWater operates .

We thank you for undertaking this Inquiry ,


Leanne Wrangmore .