

Mr. Hugh DELAHUNTY MP
Member for Lowan



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Mr John C Tamblyn
Chairman
Essential Services Commission
Level 2, 35 Spring Street
MELBOURNE 3000



Dear Mr Tamblyn,

I write on behalf of Grampians Wool Industries Pty. Ltd. who has raised concerns with me regarding water pricing.

Grampians Wool Industries employs about 45 staff and is a major financial contributor to the Hamilton region the "wool capital of Australia".

I am informed that should the proposed water and trade waste water charges come into effect, the business may no longer be viable and may be forced to close.

Grampians Wool Industries has met and complied with conditions placed on them by Glenelg/Wannon Water, but they are extremely concerned their costs could increase by nearly 200% in two years.

Grampians Wool Industries are aware of the new water pricing strategy; however they are very concerned at the increase and are requesting that, if approved, it be via an incremental increase which would allow the company to remain a viable business.

I strongly support there be incremental change over a longer period than the suggested two years.

I look forward to a response at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

HUGH DELAHUNTY, MP
Member for Lowan
Shadow Minister for
Sport and Recreation, Youth Affairs and Veteran's Affairs

Cc Mr Rob Chenoweth, GWI

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