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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 7 December 2022 regarding petition 3828-22 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 1 December 2022 about domestic water charges imposed by local governments.

Local governments are authorised to impose charges for water under the *Local Government Act 2009*. These charges allow for the recovery of costs associated with maintaining the water distribution infrastructure. The charges also include recovery of costs associated with the storage and treatment of water, ready for distribution.

While some local governments across Queensland have responsibility for water storage and treatment, the majority of associated infrastructure, such as dams, weirs and treatment plants are owned and operated by government owned corporations. These entities pass on the costs of providing this service to local governments through a bulk water charge that local governments then pass on to residents.

Local governments will generally include a water usage charge, which is the recovery of costs associated with storing and maintaining water after it is purchased from the bulk water supplier.

I would like to thank the petitioners for raising this matter with me and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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