

Consideration should be given to country folk living in a designated country area outside the recognised Metro area boundary .

It is clear that the country people are being discriminated against when it comes to water costing.

In the Beverley Shire for example , which is only 130klms from the Perth GPO , some Lots within the Townsite Boundary have No access to scheme water and must rely on rainfall for all of their needs a commodity taken for granted in the suburbs.

We have access to a “Stand-Pipe” from which we can purchase water from the Water Authority at 91.3 cents per kilo /litre.

This is two point three times the cost of which the water is supplied in Perth. In addition to the cost of water we have to pay for delivery into our tank/s this varies due to distance but usually costs about \$50.00 per 9k/l. Thus making the cost of water in the vicinity of \$6.67 per/kilo/litre a truly ridiculous price for water in country areas.

The Shire then places a surcharge of 18.7 cents per/kl as an administration cost , this is absolute DISCRIMINATION by the current Government.

What will happen when the country people lose representation with the one vote one value? We will be subsidising the rest of the Metro area for water usage . which is wasted mainly on gardens and only costs the resident a mere 42cents per/kl.

The whole of Western Australia’s wealth is derived in rural and regional areas and the most basic necessity “WATER” is being charged out like gold for the minority of regional residents.

Where is the Fairness in this ??

Discrimination is alive and well in Western Australia

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