



SUPPLEMENTARY BUSINESS PAPER

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

To be held on

Wednesday, 24 February 2021
4pm

at

Armidale Council Chamber

Members

Councillor Ian Tiley (Mayor)
Councillor Debra O'Brien (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Peter Bailey
Councillor Jon Galletly
Councillor Andrew Murat
Councillor Margaret O'Connor
Councillor Dorothy Robinson

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Item: 10.7 **Ref:** AINT/2021/05327
Title: Revised Water Notice of Motion from OCM 27 January 2021 - Cr
Robinson **Container:** ARC16/0025
Author: Dorothy Robinson, Councillor
Attachments: Nil

I hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Council to be held on 24 February 2021.

Subject to community consultation, water charges in the current financial year are revised, so that, when water is scarce and our community is subject to water restrictions, commercial users pay the same rates per kl as residential users and the increases revenue is used to fund a \$15 a quarter reduction in residential water bills.

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Cr Dorothy Robinson

22 February 2021

Background

When water restrictions are in force, ARC should be seen to treat everyone fairly, and also give everyone the same encouragement to conserve this precious resource. Many residents are extremely unhappy with the increased charges that have disproportionately affected residential users. If the public consultation supports this change, it will go some way towards offsetting the perceived unfair increase.

Councillors were provided with an estimate of the increased revenue if commercial users the same as residential users on 10 Feb 2021. It implies that residential water bills could be reduced by \$15 a quarter.