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To whom it may concern:

Bamaga Enterprises Ltd (BEL) is a community owned company and operates numerous retail businesses in the Northern Peninsula Area including the Bamaga Tavern, Resort Bamaga, Bamaga BP and Bamaga Bakehaus.

Freight rates have increased enormously over the last 12 months. For example \$3,500 - \$14,500 per month for BEL.

The Fuel Levy of 9.5% imposed when oil was \$160 per barrel remains even though oil is now around \$50 per barrel. There has been no reduction in the levy to reflect this change.

We also pay a Dangerous Goods surcharge of 15% which affects the price of basics such as gas and fuel.

There needs to be a government subsidy for sea freight from Cairns to Bamaga and the Torres Strait similar to the one across the Bass Strait and the Qld regional airlines subsidies to remote communities.

BEL owns the Bamaga Bakehaus and with the large increases in flour prices due to the drought coupled with increased freight costs it makes locally produced bread uncompetitive compared to frozen white bread brought in from Cairns. This not only affects the viability of a locally owned bakery but also community health.

BEL's margins are dropping and it is increasingly difficult to pass on increased costs. BEL is faced with fewer profits to plough back into the community by way of donations, sponsorships, community projects and infrastructure.

Yours faithfully,

Robert Poi Poi  
Chairman

Resort Bamaga - Bamaga Tavern - Bamaga BP Service Station  
A Bamaga Community owned Company