

Good afternoon this Barry Walden the community township of Doomadgee in the Gulf of Carpentaria Northwest of Mount Isa.

I am writing this letter as a Traditional Owner of this country and on behalf of all of the Doomadgee people and their Traditional Groups who residential address are in Doomadgee we are sick and tired of how the costs of living in our community are so high and now we have no say of how we can have some way of affordable living at the high prices of these General Shops that we have in our communities are so high that we can afford to buy Christmas items without going without food for our children during these breaks.

We have no other places to go to get better services and lower prices in the shop here in Doomadgee why is it that our groceries cost more here than when we go to places like Mount Isa which is a 4 to 5 hours drive to get some food that we can afford to pay for and the cost of just very small items we get in our shops here in Doomadgee cost at least 3 or 10 dollars extra then why as no one doing anything about our cost of living is so high the government talks about living standards are an issue well let him and his family come out here and live like me and the rest of a race of indigenous people live 52 days of every year for last new millennium and it getting worse then before so if you want to hear from indigenous people well I am one out many who don't have this technology to reply or participate in this because it was never thought out properly about how we as the people who are affected around these issues wake up because this way you all get away from really people feed back.

From, Barry Walden traditional owner of the Gangadlida people and Waanyi people I will be waiting for a reply