Mr. Richard Colley
Commissioner
C&SCE Public Enquiry.

Dear Sir,

I read the notice for public enquiry in the Broken Hill paper & feel we are back where we started from.

My wife Loraine started complaining to the office of Local Govt. 5 years ago & asked for public consultation, for someone from the department to come out here. That is MENINDIE. It is one of the four towns in the Central Darling. There, just in case you didn't know.

We had Angus Broad come to Menindee but failed to tell the public that he was here. Loraine found out by chance that he was over the street. Angus told her he didn't have time to talk to the people.

You are now talking about a Public Enquiry. The way I read that the public are the ones that have a say. To do this properly is to attend a public meeting in each of the four towns. To sit down & listen to the people, have a look at the conditions of each town & try to tell us where the money has been wasted.

Most of the people in the bush are like me & not very well educated & will not put anything in writing as a submission. I feel that you are public servants & if you are going to do your job properly it is up to you to come out here, not the people to go to you.

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After five years of correspondence with the office of Local Government and several Ministers, I hope the Government will wake up that they cannot fix the Shire without talking to the people and doing the job properly. It can't be fixed from Sydney.

The Administrator has been working on the Shire for six months. He spends one, perhaps two days a fortnight in Wacolma. He has been asked to come to Mountiee but has failed to make an appearance.

Had the hide to say in the ordinary meeting agenda for C.B.S.C. that he got on well with the people in the Shire. He wouldn't even know what our main street looked like, or the grower growing table grapes, stonefruit, oranges, and potatoes are going.

Yours faithfully,

Bob Looney.