



**IN THE MATTER OF ILLEGAL APPROPRIATION OF WATER BY:**

**BARANGAY 6, CORON PALAWAN**

c/o Hon. Maria Cinco, Barangay Captain

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**SHOW CAUSE ORDER**

On 11 August 2020, a complaint was made by Mr. Anjoe Pabayos and Ms. Rosemarie Pabayos before the Office of the Ombudsman which was then endorsed by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources MIMAROPA Region on 11 April 2022 and received by this Board's concerned Division on 20 May 2022 with Reference Code No. IC-OL-20-0670 regarding the alleged deliberate cutting of water hose committed by Hon. Maria Cinco in Brgy. 6, Coron, Palawan. Based on records, it was discovered that Barangay 6 is operating a well without the benefit of a water permit in violation of Article 13 of the Water Code of the Philippines (P.D. 1067), which provides that:

*"Except as otherwise herein provided, no person, including government instrumentalities or government-owned or controlled corporations, shall appropriate water without a **water right**, which **shall be evidenced by a document known as a water permit**.*

*Water Right is the privilege granted by the government to appropriate and use water."* (emphasis supplied)

**WHEREFORE**, in view thereof and in the interest of due process, Barangay Poblacion 6 or its designated representative is hereby directed to submit a written explanation under oath within **fifteen (15) days** from receipt hereof, and show cause why no legal sanction should be imposed against you for violation of the Water Code of the Philippines.

Failure to comply within the period herein provided shall constrain this Board to impose the necessary legal sanction provided under existing laws.

**SO ORDERED.**

Quezon City, May 30, 2022

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