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### A nation in shock

JAPAN is facing its worst crisis in the 65 years since the end of World War II, Prime Minister Naoto Kan warned last night, with the death toll from Friday's massive earthquake and tsunami now feared to be well above 10,000.

Searchers are finding bodies in their hundreds and tens of thousands of people are still missing.

On top of that, the nation is gripped by fear as engineers battle to stop the damaged Fukushima nuclear power plant from melting down amid warnings there could be a second explosion in its reactors.

The island nation also faces a 70 per cent possibility of a magnitude 7 aftershock, capable of further destroying buildings and triggering more tsunamis.

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# Stop the blame game

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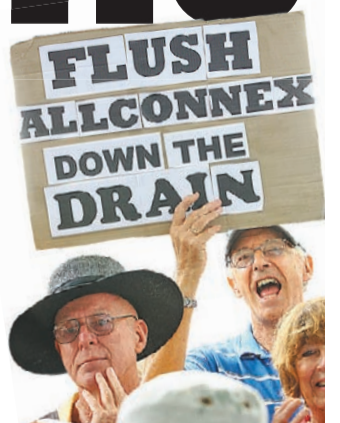
MORE than 600 Gold Coast residents yesterday demanded their city councillors lower water prices – or risk being kicked out at the next election.

The protesters, battling a 20 per cent hike in the price of water under the new Allconnex regional supplier, jeered, booed and hissed the councillors as

they tried to pass the buck to the State Government.

The protesters were having none of it – and neither were they impressed by the city fathers turning up wearing T-shirts emblazoned with the slogan Give Us Our Water Back.

"You should be ashamed of yourselves wearing that," one man yelled at the top of his lungs.



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