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Dear Sir/Madam

LANCELIN SOUTH PTY LTD - LICENCE APPLICATION

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the current application, by Lancelin South Pty Ltd, for a water services licence.

I understand that the licence application in question relates to the supply of potable (drinking) water, non-potable water and sewerage services to the Lancelin South development in the Shire of Gingin. I have noted that Lancelin South Pty Ltd currently contracts Aquasol Pty Ltd to supply these services to the development under water services licence WL42.

The Department of Health (DOH) does not object to this licence application, provided that any potable water supply licence that is granted incorporates provisions requiring the licensee to enter a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the DOH about drinking water and that those provisions are consistent with the content of other potable water supply licenses previously granted by the Authority. The MOU will include provisions relating to monitoring, catchment to tap risk management and periodic reporting of water quality data and incidents to the DOH.

In relation to wastewater, a condition should be placed in the licence requiring the licensee to establish a separate MOU with the DOH for managing non-potable water services and sewerage services. This was foreshadowed in our letter to the Authority of 10 April 2013 on this subject, commenting on water services licence WL42.

Please note that the proposed sewage evaporation pond before construction of the wastewater treatment plant, and the wastewater treatment plant, will also require DOH approval in accordance with the *Health (Treatment of Sewage and Disposal of Effluent and Liquid Waste) Regulations* 1974. Detailed information of treated effluent disposal options must be submitted to DOH at the appropriate time for assessment.

The applicant should also be aware that the drinking water supply for its development may need to be fluoridated, as or when the residential population approaches 3,000 persons. Accordingly, an allowance should be made in the design of the water treatment plant for this purpose.

Should you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Richard Theobald, Manager Water Unit, on (08) 9388 4967.

Yours sincerely

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