

Decision on amendment to Water Services Operating Licence No. 42

Aquasol Pty Ltd

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DECISION

1. Pursuant to section 31 of the Water Services Licensing Act 1995 (**Act**), the Economic Regulation Authority (**Authority**) has approved an amendment to Aquasol Pty Ltd's (**Aquasol**) Water Services Operating Licence No. 42 (WL42) to remove the provision of irrigation services and to include the provision of non-potable water services.
2. As required under section 31(4)(b) of the Act, the Authority will publish a notice of its approval of the licence amendment in the Government Gazette as soon as is practicable.

REASONS

3. On 5 February 2013, the Authority granted Aquasol WL42 for the provision of potable water supply and irrigation services at a development 2.2 km south of Lancelin, approximately 128 km north of Perth. On 4 July 2013, the Authority granted Aquasol an amendment to WL42 to include the provision of sewerage services.
4. On 6 August 2013, Aquasol applied for an amendment to WL42 to remove the provision of irrigation services and include the provision of non-potable water services, as the water service it intends to provide is non-potable water services not used for agricultural purposes.
5. The application to amend the licence was made in accordance with section 31 of the Act.
6. Section 31 of the Act states that the Authority is not to approve a licence amendment unless the Authority is satisfied that it would not be contrary to the public interest to do so.
7. On 20 August 2013, the Authority called for public submissions on the proposed licence amendment by 11 September 2013. No submissions were received.
8. The Authority notes that while the amendment is to change one of the water services provided by Aquasol, the service actually provided has not changed, rather it is a correction of Aquasol's initial licence application to accurately reflect the service provided.
9. In its assessment of the application, the Authority considered the public interest as required by section 31A of the Act. This includes the matters set out in section 19(1b) of the Act. The Authority is satisfied that approving the amendment to WL42 would not be contrary to the public interest.