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## EXTENSION OF THE WATER, SEWERAGE & DRAINAGE OPERATING **AREAS**

Dear Paul,

An application to extend the Water Corporation's (Corporation) Operating Area boundaries to match the Controlled Area boundaries was approved by the Economic Regulation Authority (Authority) on 25 January 2011.

The introduction of the Water Services Act 2012 removed Controlled Areas within the state of Western Australia, in light of this, the Corporation requests an amendment of its non-exclusive potable and non-potable water, and sewerage Operating Area boundaries to match the 24 nautical mile limit Contiguous Zone boundary as detailed in Australian Maritime Legislation.

The Corporation requests this particular boundary for reasons of efficiency. The Maritime Zones are internationally recognised demarcation lines and the Contiguous Zone boundary is a conveniently sized existing polygon that would suit the Corporation's purposes. The 24 nautical mile limit from the Territorial Sea Base Line would cover any reasonably foreseeable scenario in which the Corporation might be required to service structures or assets constructed from the mainland out to sea. (E.g. in mining where the Corporation may be requested to provide water services on an extremely long jetty constructed to facilitate bulk ore carriers).

The Corporation also requests that its Drainage Operating Area boundary be extended to align with the Western Australian State Boundary, therefore replacing maps OWR-OA-179(C), OWR-OA-180(C) and OWR-OA-181(C) with map OWR-OA-182 (original issue).

The approval of these requests will remove the possibility of the Corporation breaching one of its Operating Licence conditions by providing a service outside of its water, sewerage, or drainage Operating Areas.

Please note that as requested by the Authority, the use of the word exclusive and all reference to the redundant Controlled Areas have been removed from the new Maps.

In addition we have amended the wording in the title blocks of the Overall Ord River Irrigation plan No. OWR-OA-175-E and the Enlargement Ord River Irrigation plan No. OWR- OA-175-1-B.

Maps of the proposed Water Corporation Operating Area Boundary for: Sewer No. OWR-OA-302-B, Potable Water No. OWR-OA-301-B, Drainage No. OWR-OA-182 (original issue) and a copy of Australia's Maritime Zones are attached.

It is important to note that the granting of this request will not reduce the ability of the public or interested parties to raise important issues relating to developments. Public comment is requested at relevant stages throughout the Land Use Rezoning and the Land Development processes, including the Lot Creation and the Building / Construction stages.

If there are any questions, please contact the A/Manager Regulation & Compliance Karen Reddie on (08) 9420 2652.

Wayne Kearney / MANAGER RISK AND ASSURANCE

Attach.









