



Notice

28 February 2014

Shire of Moora

PROGRESS REPORT - NOTICE SERVED UNDER SECTION 39 OF THE WATER SERVICES LICENSING ACT 1995

Action by the Authority

The Authority is satisfied that the Shire of Moora (**Shire**) has made significant progress towards addressing the deficiencies identified in the notice served on the Shire pursuant to section 39(1) (failure to comply with licence) of the *Water Services Licensing Act 1995* (**1995 Act**) (**Section 39 Notice**) on 10 September 2013. The Section 39 Notice is available on the Authority's website:

- [Section 39 Notice](#)

Three of the 17 deficiencies in the Section 39 Notice require further work to resolve the causes of the deficiencies. The Authority has decided that the Shire's Section 39 Notice will remain open until these items are resolved. The Authority will undertake a further assessment of the Section 39 Notice when it receives the report on the next asset management effectiveness review (**Review**) of the licence. The next Review will cover the period 1 June 2013 to 30 November 2014, with the report to be provided to the Authority by 28 February 2015.

BACKGROUND TO THE AUTHORITY'S DECISION

Following its receipt of the report on the Shire's 2013 Review, the Authority was not satisfied with the effectiveness of the Shire's asset management system.

On 10 September 2013, the Authority served the Shire with a Section 39 Notice, which required the Shire to rectify the asset management system deficiencies identified in the Notice by 31 December 2013.

The Shire was also required, by 31 January 2014, to provide the Authority with a report prepared by an independent expert (**Independent Report**) on the Shire's progress in addressing the asset management system deficiencies in the Section 39 Notice.

On 18 February 2014, the Shire provided the Authority with an Independent Report prepared by Barry Robbins Engineering and Project Management.

After reviewing the Independent Report's findings, the Authority considers that the Shire has made significant progress in adequately addressing 14 of the 17 deficiencies listed in the Section 39 Notice.



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The three deficiencies that have not been adequately addressed are:

- Some of the asset condition inspections are yet to be completed;
- the Shire's acquisition procedure (for de-sludging the treatment lagoons) needs to be incorporated into the Asset Management Plan; and
- the Shire does not have procedures to periodically test its contingency plans for the sewerage assets.

The Authority will re-visit the Shire's progress in addressing the remaining deficiencies in the Section 39 Notice when it receives the report on the next Review in February 2015.

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