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Dear Mr Geaney

## ATHENA WATER SOLUTIONS - LICENCE APPLICATION

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the application by Athena Water Solutions for a licence to provide water supply services to customers in the Country Heights Estate being developed by Claymont Development Pty Ltd.

I understand from the Application Summary that the licence application in question relates to the distribution and supply of metered potable water (drinking water) to all residents in the estate, for use as residential and reticulation purposes for their property, via a three-stage development process.

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 Economic Regulation 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, as well as any relevant requirement set out in the document 'Country Heights Estate Water Reserve Drinking Water Source Protection Plan – Country Heights Estate Water Supply Gingin' that was prepared for the then Department of Water in April 2017.

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 4999.

Yours sincerely

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