

# Decision on Amendment to Water Corporation's Operating Licence no.32

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## DECISION

1. On 27<sup>th</sup> September 2006 the Water Corporation applied to the Economic Regulation Authority for an amendment to its water services Operating Licence 32 to extend the Lower Great Southern Town Water Supply Operating Area.
2. On 26<sup>th</sup> April 2007 the Water Corporation applied to the Economic Regulation Authority for an amendment to its water services Operating Licence 32 to extend the Operating Area boundaries of Bindoon-Chittering, Mingenew, Kalbarri and Harvey.
3. The two applications for licence amendment were made pursuant to section 31 of the *Water Services Licensing Act 1995 (Act)*.
4. Pursuant to section 31 of the Act, the Authority approves the amendment of the Water Corporation's licence.

## REASONS

1. Following receipt of the first application for licence amendment, a notice regarding receipt of the application was published on the Authority's web site in April 2007 requesting comment from stakeholders and interested parties.
2. Following receipt of the second application for licence amendment, a notice regarding receipt of the application was published on the Authority's web site in May 2007 requesting comment from stakeholders and interested parties.
3. The Authority did not receive any submissions concerning either proposed amendment of the applicant's licence.
4. Considering the similar nature of the two applications for licence amendment, it has been decided to treat the applications as one.
5. In its consideration of the application for licence amendment, the Authority considered the public interest as required by section 31(1a) of the Act. The Authority is satisfied that approval of the applicant's request for a licence amendment would not be contrary to the public interest.
6. The Authority has therefore decided to amend the Water Corporation's Operating Licence 32 by updating the five operating areas including Bindoon-Chittering, Harvey, Kalbarri, Mingenew and the Lower Great Southern Town Water Supply Operating Area.
7. As required under section 31(4b) 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.

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**CHAIRMAN**