

Decision on Amendment to Busselton Water Board's Operating Licence no.3

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DECISION

1. On the 30th May 2007 the Busselton Water Board applied to the Economic Regulation Authority for an amendment to its water services Operating Licence 3 to extend its water supply operating area within the Busselton Shire boundary to facilitate long term water supply planning in the region.
2. The application for this licence amendment was made pursuant to section 31 of the *Water Services Licensing Act 1995* (Act).
3. Pursuant to section 31 of the Act, the Authority approves the amendment of the Busselton Water Board's licence.
4. The Authority designates the Dunsborough Water Supply Operating Area as non-exclusive.

REASONS

1. Following receipt of the application for licence amendment, a notice regarding receipt of the application was published on the Authority's web site on 28th June 2007 requesting comment from stakeholders and interested parties.
2. The Authority received one submission from the Department of Water concerning the proposed amendment of the applicant's licence. This submission raised no objections in relation to the approval of the licence amendment.
3. 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.
4. The Authority has therefore decided to amend the Busselton Water Board's Operating Licence 3 by extending its water supply operating area within the Busselton Shire boundary on a non-exclusive basis.
5. 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.

LYNDON ROWE
CHAIRMAN