

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

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DECISION

1. On the 15th and 16th January 2008 the Water Corporation applied to the Economic Regulation Authority for two amendments to its water services Operating Licence 32. The first amendment involves the extension of the Corporation's Toodyay sewerage services operating area to include the whole of the Shire of Toodyay. The second amendment involves the removal of the Broad Arrow Potable Water Supply map reference from the licence as it was incorporated in the Goldfields and Agricultural Water Supply Operating Area OWR-OA-055H on 3 February 2006.
2. The application for these licence amendments 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 amendments of the Water Corporation's licence.
4. The Authority designates the amended operating area in Toodyay as non-exclusive.

REASONS

1. Following the receipt of the application for the Toodyay amendment, a notice regarding receipt of the application was published on the Authority's web site on 24th January 2008 requesting comment from stakeholders, interested parties and the public.
2. The Authority received no public submissions on the Toodyay amendment application.
3. The Application to remove Broad Arrows Operating Area for Potable Water Supply from the licence is a minor matter correcting an oversight in the Licence document. As it was a minor matter, the Authority did not seek public submissions on the matter.
4. In its consideration of the applications for licence amendments, the Authority considered the public interest in respect to the Toodyay proposal as required by section 31(1a) of the Act. The Authority is satisfied that approval of the applicant's request for Toodyay operating area extension would not be contrary to the public interest.
5. The Authority has therefore decided to amend the Water Corporation's Operating Licence 32 by:
 - extending the Toodyay Sewerage Services Operating Area to include an area inclusive of whole of Shire of Toodyay; and
 - removing the reference to the Broad Arrow Potable Water Supply Operating Area from Schedule 2 of the Operating Licence.
6. 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