

# Decision on Amendment to Aqwest's Operating Licence No. 2

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## DECISION

1. On the 24 July 2008, the Bunbury Water Board trading as Aqwest (Aqwest) applied to the Economic Regulation Authority (Authority) for an amendment to its water services Operating Licence 2. The amendment involves the extension of Aqwest's Bunbury operating area for potable water supply services to include a suitable corridor to allow a mains extension to proceed for a new property development at Lot 1 Temple Road, Picton (map OWR-OA-084/4 (D)).
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 Aqwest's licence.
4. The Authority designates the amended operating area in Bunbury as non-exclusive.

## REASONS

1. Following the receipt of the application for the Picton amendment, a notice regarding receipt of the application was published on the Authority's web site on 29 July 2008, requesting comment from stakeholders, interested parties and the public.
2. The Authority received one public submission on the Picton amendment application supporting the proposal.
3. In its consideration of the application for the licence amendment, the Authority considered the public interest in respect to the Picton proposal, as required by section 31(1a) of the Act. The Authority is satisfied that approval of the applicant's request for Bunbury operating area extension would not be contrary to the public interest.
4. The Authority has therefore decided to amend Aqwest's Operating Licence 2 by extending the Bunbury operating area for potable water supply services to include a corridor to allow a mains extension to proceed for a new property development at Lot 1 Temple Road, Picton.
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**