

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

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DECISION

1. The Economic Regulation Authority has proposed an amendment to the Water Corporation's water services Operating Licence 32. The amendment involves extending the Water Corporation's reporting timeframe, from quarterly to annually, for any restrictions imposed by the Water Corporation to the supply of water as a result of its drought response.
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.

REASONS

1. In January 2009, the Authority undertook a revision and update of the Water Compliance and Reporting Manual (WCRM). As a consequence, it was identified that the reporting timeframe imposed for any restrictions to supply due to the water Corporation's drought responses was inconsistent with the annual reporting requirements specified in the national water performance reporting requirements.
2. The amendment applies to clause 5.1 of Schedule 4 of the Water Corporation's licence and removes the words '*on a quarterly basis*' from the clause.
3. As this is a minor amendment, the Authority did not seek public submissions on the amendment.
4. In its consideration of the licence amendment, the Authority considered the public interest in respect to the proposal as required by section 31(1a) of the Act. The Authority is satisfied that approval of the amendment 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 Water Corporation's reporting timeframe, from quarterly to annually, for any restrictions imposed by the Water Corporation to the supply of water as a result of its drought response.
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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