

## Decision on Amendment to:

Aqwest – Bunbury Water Board  
Operating Licence No.2

Busselton Water Board  
Operating Licence No.3

Rottnest Island Authority  
Operating Licence No.10

Hamersley Iron Pty Ltd  
Operating Licence No.33

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## DECISION

1. The Economic Regulation Authority has approved an amendment to Operating Licences 2 (Aqwest – Bunbury Water Board), 3 (Busselton Water Board), 10 (Rottnest Island Authority) and 33 (Hamersley Iron Pty Ltd) under section 31 of the *Water Services Licensing Act 1995* (Act). The Amendment removes the requirement for these licensees to report the number of connected properties that experience more than 3 interruptions to supply in a year that exceed one hour duration.
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 '3 interruptions reporting requirement' imposed on the above named licensees is a state specific reporting requirement that is not included in the national water performance reporting requirements. This reporting requirement does not apply to all licensed potable water providers in Western Australia.
2. The amendment applies to clause 2.2 of Schedule 4 of the listed operating licences above and removes the following table row from the licences.

Continuity of supply – number of interruption per year	Number of properties with interrupted supply	Over each 12 month period no connected properties shall experience more than 3 interruptions that exceed 1 hour duration.
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This requirement was an additional requirement to the basic continuity standard (Also listed in Schedule 4 Clause 2.2) that applies to all potable licensees, see below.

Continuity of supply	Percentage of connected properties customers without interrupted supply	Over each 12 month period at least 75% of connected properties shall not experience a complete interruption of supply (no flow), exceeding 1 hour, to the supply standard set out in section 2.1.
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3. The removal of this extra requirement will harmonise state reporting requirements with those in the national reporting framework and remove a reporting requirement inconsistency applicable to potable water supply licensees.
4. As this is a minor amendment, the Authority did not seek public submissions on the amendment.
5. 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.
6. The Authority has therefore decided to amend Operating Licence No.2, Operating Licence No.3, Operating Licence No.10 and Operating Licence No.33 by removing the requirement for these licensees to report the number of connected properties that experience more than 3 interruptions to supply in a year that exceed one hour duration (clause 2.2, Schedule 4).

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.

LYNDON ROWE  
**CHAIRMAN**