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Dear Dr Kretzer

Public Submissions for Water Costs Issues

The University has reviewed the issues paper released by the Authority, 'Inquiry into Water Resource Management and Planning Charges' and acknowledges the Governments need to recover cost for the increased administration to regulate the Act. However the University is a public institution and is exempt from many rates and taxes levied by the Government and seeks exemption from the proposed licence application and annual fee structure for large-scale water user groups.

The University's needs for water are mainly due to grounds management, research, teaching and learning purposes and our contribution to the economy is reflected in many other ways. We strive to maintain full accordance with modern sustainable practices to use precious groundwater supplies efficiently.

We look forward to a favourable outcome on the University's response on this issue and support the Government's need to recover costs for this service. If any further information is required to clarify the University's position, please do not hesitate to contact the writer on 6488 2045. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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