

# Decision on Amendment to Water Corporation Operating Licence 32

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## DECISION

1. The application for this licence amendment was made pursuant to section 31 of the *Water Services Licensing Act 1995 (Act)*.
2. The Economic Regulation Authority (**Authority**) has approved an amendment to Operating Licence 32 (Water Corporation) under section 31 of the Act. The amendment extends the Busselton sewerage services operating area (map OWR-OA-O85/3 D), the Yarloop-Wagerup potable water supply services operating area (map OWR-OA-162 E) and the Geraldton Region potable water supply services operating area (map OWR-OA-102 I) to align these operating areas with the areas where services are currently provided.
3. As required under section 31(4)(b) 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.

## BACKGROUND

On 7 July 2009, the Water Corporation submitted an application to the Authority seeking to amend their operating licence to extend the Busselton sewerage services operating area, Yarloop-Wagerup potable water supply services operating area and Geraldton Region potable water supply services operating area to align these operating areas with the areas where services are currently provided.

On 3 September 2009, the Authority published a notice seeking public submissions on the Busselton, Yarloop-Wagerup and Geraldton Region extension. The period for public submissions closed on 24 September 2009 and no submissions were received.

## REASONS

1. The Authority notified all interested parties registered to receive Notices lodged on the Authority's web site of the application by the Water Corporation to extend the Busselton, Yarloop-Wagerup and Geraldton Region operating areas.
2. These interested parties included government agencies, local governments, statutory authorities, community organisations and members of the public.
3. In its assessment of the application, the Authority considered the public interest, including the matters set out in section 19 (1b) as required by section 31A of the Act. Accordingly, the Authority concluded that the approval of the amendment to Operating Licence 32 would not be contrary to the public interest.

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