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NOTICE

Invitation for Public Submissions – Second Round Extension on due date for Submissions

AMENDMENT TO WATER CORPORATION'S OPERATING LICENCE 32

On 20 May 2010, the Economic Regulation Authority published a <u>notice</u> inviting public submissions on an <u>application</u> by the Water Corporation (**Corporation**) to amend its Water Services Operating Licence 32. The Corporation is seeking approval to extend its potable and non potable water and sewerage operating areas to match the State's controlled area boundaries.

Three submissions were received and published on the Authority's website. Some key issues were raised in one of the submissions, in particular whether:

- an amendment application was subject to financial and technical assessment;
- the request was against current government policy on licence operating areas; and
- the expansion would be anti-competitive.

Given the issues raised, the Authority published a second notice on 27 July 2010 with issues raised in the first round of consultation and invited further comments.

The Authority has received a request to extend the due date for submissions for this second round of consultation. Interested parties are invited to make submissions in print and electronic form on the issues raised relative to the Water Corporation's application by **4:00** pm (WST) on Monday, 30 August 2010.

Submissions should be marked to the attention of Assistant Director, Licensing.

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Confidentiality

In general, all submissions from interested parties will be treated as being in the public domain and placed on the Authority's website. Where an interested party wishes to make a submission in confidence, it should clearly indicate the parts of the submission for which confidentiality is claimed, and specify in reasonable detail the basis for the claim. Any claim of confidentiality will be considered in accordance with the provisions of Section 55 of the *Economic Regulation Authority Act 2003*.

The publication of a submission on the Authority's website shall not be taken as indicating that the Authority has knowledge either actual or constructive of the contents of a particular submission and, in particular, whether the submission in whole or part contains information of a confidential nature and no duty of confidence will arise for the Authority.

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