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CONSULTATION

Further Extension of Period for Public Submissions

AMENDMENT TO WATER OPERATING LICENCE 32

The Economic Regulation Authority is again extending the period for public comment on the application by the Water Corporation to amend its water services operating licence.

The Water Corporation is proposing changes to the following minimum flow measures and service standard measures for farmland services and rural water supply schemes.

Area	Current minimum flow	Proposed minimum flow
Farmland services – Goldfields and Agriculture Water Supply, the Great Southern Town Water Supply Scheme and the Mid West Region	Over a 24 hour period 11.2 litres/hectare/day and 3kL per occupied house	3kL/day per service
Rural Water Supply Schemes	Over a 24 hour period 5.6 litres/hectare/day and 1.8kL per occupied house	1.8kL/day per service
Service standard	Current minimum flow Measures	Proposed minimum flow measures
Pressure and flows are kept within the acceptable range In the preceding 12 month period 99.8% of farmlands water systems customers have, at the outlet of the water meter to their property, the required flow and pressure rates	Number of connected properties with confirmed pressure/flow faults divided by total number of potable water connected properties expressed as a % and then subtracted from 100 Flow is measured free to air with downstream pipe work disconnected at the meter. Pressure is measured as static pressure (no flow) at the same point	From complaints received, the number of services with confirmed water pressure/flow faults divided by the total number of water service connections expressed as a % and then subtracted from 100 The flow rate and dynamic pressure is measured at the meter over a period, so as to confirm the available flow meets the minimum standard

The Water Corporation is also seeking to correct its sewerage services operating areas map OWR-OA-302 to remove references to sewerage operating areas in Marble Bar and Nullagine. The Water Corporation does not have sewerage services in these towns.

A copy of the Water Corporation's letter of request is available from the Authority's [website](#).

Interested parties are invited to make submissions in print and electronic form on the amendment request by **4:00 pm (WST) on Wednesday, 3 August 2011**.

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

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