

SHIRE OF DUMBLEYUNG

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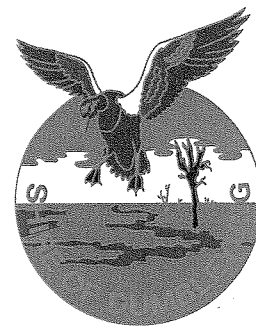
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MICK GEANEY
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ECONOMIC REGULATION AUTHORITY
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Dear Mick,

Re: WATER CORPORATION REQUEST TO AMEND ITS WATER SERVICES OPERATING LICENSE 32

The Shire of Dumbleyung is very concerned at the short response time allowed on this extremely important issue which does not allow us to properly consult with all affected Community Members. Being in a period of little rainfall is an extremely difficult situation and restricting the flow of water which is vital to members of our community will have severe impacts at this time.

The Shire of Dumbleyung has concerns regarding the Water Corporations request to amend its Water Services Operating License 32, proposing changes to the minimum flow measures and service standard measures for farmland services and rural water supply schemes.

Farmers in the Shire of Dumbleyung and neighbouring shires are reliant on scheme water for troughs used to provide water to stock. Water supplies for use in bush fires are also a concern, as an efficient water supply is imperative when attempting to contain bush fires.

The Shire of Dumbleyung has concerns about the impact the proposed minimum flows will have on farmers and fire fighters and feel more consultation is required. The timeframe allowed for public comment does not allow the Shire to consult with landholders who could be potentially affected by the proposed changes to the minimum flow measures and service standard measures for farmland services and rural water supply schemes.

If you require further information or would like to discuss this matter please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number.

Yours Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Henry Van Der Ende', written over a horizontal line.

Henry Van Der Ende
Chief Executive Officer

cc. Sarah Molloy - WALGA Environment Policy Officer