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Dear Sir

RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO WATER OPERATING LICENSE 32

The Shire of Wagin wishes to make comment by way of submission on the propose changes to water operating license 32.

There is some disquiet in the farming community and on behalf of our farmers Council objects to the seemingly lowering of services.

Council constitutes that;

1. It is not acceptable to lower service delivery standards
2. Any reduction of historical flow rates and pressures are also not acceptable (this includes any attempt to restrict flow at existing services).
3. If any changes are implemented they should be to increase delivery standards as applies to every other service. To lower standards to achieve compliance in untenable).
4. Those whose properties that join the scheme have been excluded from the Farm Water Supply Grants Scheme and were forced by legislation to pay a rate on their land to pay for the installation costs of the pipeline so it is unreasonable that they now take a lower service.
5. To target farm water supply only (given that all water supplied by Water Corp comes in the same pipe) is also untenable as the only industry the region has is agriculture and so it should take precedence over other users or at the least be treated equally. Any reduction in Standards if they must be applied should be done overall.

We trust that these comments are useful in your deliberations on this issue.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L J Calneggia', is written over a horizontal line.

L J Calneggia
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

28 July 2011

cc: Jessica Shephard - WALGA