



# Shire of Dowerin

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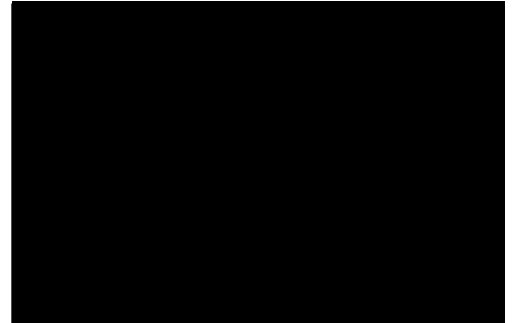
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Dear Sir,

**Re: PUBLIC SUBMISSION – AMENDMENT TO WATER OPERATING LICENCE 32**

The Shire of Dowerin has some concerns it will now raise regarding amendments to water operating licence 32.

While Council acknowledges the increase in minimum water flow to small rural holdings is a good initiative for those small holdings it does leave large holdings in a predicament as they would only be guaranteed 3kL per day when before a 1,000 hectare property for example would be entitled to a 11.2kL per day minimum (plus 3kL per occupied house).

It should be noted that farmers require a guaranteed water supply for running stock and weed control. A farmer on average will use 24kL per day when spraying their farmlands which they will do at least four times a year. If the farmer is running sheep for example with 15 head per hectare on a 1000 hectare holding they will require 10.5kL per day.

It is of grave concern to the Shire of Dowerin that under these proposed changes the Water Corporation will legally be able to restrict water supply to 3kL per day to all farming properties when they will require significantly more than that to carry out their farming operations.

I look forward to hearing your response to Council's submission.

Yours faithfully,



Dacre Alcock  
**Chief Executive Officer**