

Decision on Amendment to Water Corporation's Operating Licence no.32

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DECISION

1. The Economic Regulation Authority has proposed an amendment to the Water Corporation's water services Operating Licence 32. The amendment extends the Mandurah/Pinjarra Sewerage Services Operating Area to include the Point Grey development site (map OWR-OA-104 (E)).
2. The application for these licence amendments was made pursuant to section 31 of the *Water Services Licensing Act 1995* (Act).
3. Pursuant to section 31 of the Act, the Authority approves the amendments of the Water Corporation's licence.

REASONS

1. On 22 January 2009, the Water Corporation wrote to the Authority seeking an amendment to its operating licence to extend its Mandurah/Pinjarra Sewerage Services Operating Area to include the Point Grey development site. The property developers chose the Water Corporation as the preferred water provider to the development.
2. On 30 January 2009, the Authority published a notice seeking public submissions on the Point Grey amendment. The period for public submissions closed on 19 February 2009 and no submissions were received.
3. In its consideration of the application, the Authority considered the public interest, including the matters set out in section 19 (1b) as required by sections 31A of the Act. Accordingly, the Authority concluded that the approval of this amendment to Operating Licence 32 would not be contrary to the public interest.
4. The Authority has therefore decided to amend the Water Corporation's Operating Licence 32 by extending the Mandurah/Pinjarra Sewerage Services Operating Area to include the Point Grey development site.
5. As required under section 31(4b) of the Act, the Authority will publish a notice of its approval of the licence amendment in the *Government Gazette* as soon as is practicable.

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CHAIRMAN