

Decision on amendment to Water Services Operating Licence No. 2

Aqwest – Bunbury Water Board

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DECISION

1. Pursuant to section 31 of the *Water Services Licensing Act 1995* (the **Act**), the Economic Regulation Authority (**Authority**) has approved an amendment to Aqwest – Bunbury Water Board’s (**Aqwest**) Water Services Operating Licence No. 2 (**WL2**) to extend the operating area for the supply of potable water to match the boundary of the *Greater Bunbury Region Scheme*.
2. Accordingly, Schedule 2 of WL2 has been amended to include the expanded operating area (Map OWR-OA-084/4 (E))
3. As required under section 31(4)(b) 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.

REASONS

4. On 1 July 2013, Aqwest applied for an amendment to WL2. The proposed amendment was to expand the water services operating area to match the boundary of the *Greater Bunbury Region Scheme*.
5. The licence amendment application was made in accordance with section 31 of the Act.
6. Section 31 of the Act states that the Authority is not to approve a licence amendment unless the Authority is satisfied that it would not be contrary to the public interest to do so.
7. On 10 July 2013, the Authority called for public submissions on the proposed licence amendment by 31 July 2013. No submissions were received.
8. The Authority notes Aqwest’s extensive experience in the provision of potable water services and satisfactory record of compliance with its licence conditions.
9. In its assessment of the application, the Authority considered the public interest as required by section 31A of the Act. This includes the matters set out in section 19(1b) of the Act. The Authority is satisfied that approving the amendment to WL2 would not be contrary to the public interest.