

Decision on licence amendment (WL31)

South West Irrigation Management Co-operative Limited
(trading as Harvey Water)

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Decision

1. In accordance with section 18 of the *Water Services Act 2012 (Act)*, the Economic Regulation Authority (**ERA**) has approved an amendment to South West Irrigation Management Co-operative Limited's (trading as **Harvey Water**) water services licence (**WL31**) to include the area bordered by Herron Point Road, Fisherman's Road and Coolup Road East in the South West Irrigation Operating Area.
2. The licence amendment authorises Harvey Water to supply irrigation and non-potable water services in the operating area set out in plan OWR-OA-178/3(F), subject to, and in accordance with, the terms and conditions set out in the licence WL31.
3. As required under section 47(2)(a) of the Act, the ERA will publish a notice of its approval of the licence amendment in the Government Gazette as soon as is practicable.

Reasons

4. On the 16 November 2017, Harvey Water applied for an amendment to WL31 requesting an extension to the northern boundary of operating area plan OWR-OA-178/3(E), to include the area bordered by Herron Point Road, Fisherman's Road and Coolup Road East.
5. Harvey Water applied for an extension of the northern operating area boundary following a request from landowners located on Dorsett Road and Gibbings Road (Warooka). To meet the request from the landowners Harvey Water proposes to construct an 11 kilometre extension to the current Dorsett Road pipeline, and install a number of supply points on farm land.
6. Under section 18 of the Act, the Authority may amend a licence in accordance with the application if it is satisfied that it would not be contrary to the public interest to do so.
7. Section 46 of the Act specifies, without limitation, the public interest matters to be taken into account by the Authority in making its decision.
8. On 24 November 2017, the ERA sought public comment on the licence amendment application by 18 December 2017. The ERA did not receive any submissions.
9. The ERA considered the public interest, including the matters set out in section 46 of the Act. Having regard to this and the outcomes of the public consultation, the ERA is satisfied that approving the amendment to WL31 would not be contrary to the public interest.