

Decision on amendment to Water Services Operating Licence No. 37

Ord Irrigation Cooperative Limited

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DECISION

1. Pursuant to section 18 of the *Water Services Act 2012* (the **Act**), the Economic Regulation Authority (**Authority**) has approved an amendment to Ord Irrigation Cooperative Limited's (**OIC**) Water Services Operating Licence No. 37 to extend the operating area for the supply of non-potable water and irrigation services to incorporate areas of future development.
2. As required under section 47 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

3. On 8 November 2013 OIC applied for an amendment to WL37. The proposed amendment was to expand the water services operating area to incorporate areas of future development.
4. The areas of future development are the Ord East Bank development, South East Mulligans Lagoon area, Goomig area, Packsaddle development and the Ord West Bank development.
5. The licence amendment application was made in accordance with section 18 of the Act.
6. Section 18 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 19 November 2013, the Authority called for public submissions on the proposed licence amendment by 10 December 2013. No submissions were received.
8. In its assessment of the application, the Authority considered the public interest as required by section 46 of the Act. The Authority is satisfied that approving the amendment to WL37 would not be contrary to the public interest.