

Decision on licence amendment (WL10)

Rottnest Island Authority

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Decision

1. In accordance with section 18 of the *Water Services Act 2012* (**Act**), the Economic Regulation Authority (**Authority**) has approved an amendment to Rottnest Island Authority's (**RIA**) water services licence 10 (**WL10**) to include non-potable water supply services as an activity that RIA is authorised to provide under WL10.
2. Accordingly, Schedule 1 of WL10 has been amended to include non-potable water supply services in the list of activities that RIA is authorised to provide.
3. As required under section 47(2)(a) 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 8 May 2015, RIA applied for an amendment to WL10. The proposed amendment was to include non-potable water supply services as an activity that RIA is authorised to provide under WL10.
5. In its application, RIA stated that its reason for applying for the licence amendment is to allow it to supply non-potable water to Rottnest Island's golf course.
6. The licence amendment application was made in accordance with section 18 of the Act.
7. Section 18 of the Act states that the Authority may amend a licence in accordance with an application, if the Authority is satisfied that it would not be contrary to the public interest to do so.
8. On 18 May 2015, the Authority called for public submissions on the proposed licence amendment by 15 June 2015. No submissions were received.
9. The Authority notes RIA has experience in the provision of water services. WL10 already authorises RIA to provide potable water supply, drainage and sewerage services on Rottnest Island.
10. In its assessment of the application, the Authority considered the public interest as required by section 18 of the Act. This includes the matters set out in section 46 of the Act. The Authority is satisfied that approving the amendment to WL10 would not be contrary to the public interest.