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Queensland Competition Authority
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Dear Sir/ Madam

RE: SEQ: Long-term Regulatory Framework and Pricing Principles


The Queensland Water Directorate (*qldwater*) is the central advisory and advocacy body within Queensland's urban water industry. Its members currently include 67 of the 69 local government or local government-owned water and sewerage businesses state-wide, and all of the South-East Queensland standalone utilities and councils.

qldwater seeks to register its interest in being included in the consultation process to investigate and develop a long-term regulatory framework (and pricing principles) for the monopoly distribution and retail water and sewerage activities of Unitywater, Queensland Urban Utilities and Logan, Redland and Gold Coast City Councils.

In the absence of preliminary materials on which to comment, we have elected to abstain from providing an initial submission, other than to emphasise the need to ensure that a light handed approach to regulation is observed and that the key structural and capacity differences between stand-alone distribution retail entities and councils are well understood and appropriately considered in the development of the framework.

I will be the appropriate contact going forward.

Yours sincerely


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