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Dear Professor Green

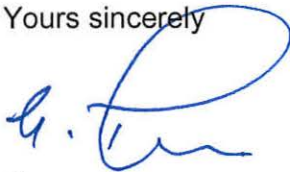
2016 QCA Fee Framework Consultation

Thank you for affording Unitywater the opportunity to provide input into the proposed 2016 QCA Fee Framework.

Upon a review of the framework, Unitywater supports the proposed fee structure in principle on the basis that the expenses being incurred by the QCA are prudent and efficient.

With respect to the distribution of fees charged between Distributor Retailers in South East Queensland, Unitywater does not support these fees being apportioned equally to each entity as this places a higher cost burden on customers served by the smaller less dense Distributor Retailers. As the QCA serves a key role for all customers by ensuring that the cost of monopoly services are prudent and efficient, Unitywater recommends that the cost of regulation is equally shared across all customers. The number of water connections is a key metric defined for State Wide Information Reporting and therefore information that could be made available to the QCA.

Yours sincerely



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