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The Chief Executive Officer
Queensland Competition Authority (QCA)
G.P.O. 2257
Brisbane Qld.4001
Attn Ms. Cath Barker

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please consider the following public submission regarding the 2012/13 prices monitoring investigation for water and sewerage services provided by Queensland Government owned business entities throughout South East Queensland (SEQ).

I believe all household service charges incorporated into Unitywater's 2012/13 Budget will lead to over-recovery of revenues and so exceed statutory ceiling levels permitted under COAG water reform agreements. Correspondence supporting this contention is posted on the 2011/12 SEQ Prices Monitoring investigation web-site as A-R West Submissions #1 through #6 and can be accessed via the link:

<http://www.qca.org.au/water/SEQRetailPriceMon/1112review.php>.

QCA's terms of reference require provision of transparent information to customers about the costs and other factors underlying annual increases in water and wastewater prices in 2012/13. However the QCA is not authorised by the Ministers QCA to perform independent investigation of 2011/12 and prior year determinations including the July 2008 Initial Regulatory Assets that has established the foundation upon which these increases are based. Terms of Reference given for the 2012/13 SEQ price monitoring investigation again prevent protection of Coolum Beach households from monopoly pricing abuse by water and sewerage service providers owned by the Queensland Government.

Yours sincerely,



A-R West (Ms.)

Cc: Ms. Mary Balzary General Manager Ministerial and Communications Division - The Treasury