

Applications to vary WIC Act licences for Huntlee Scheme

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1 Topic

The NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) is the NSW Government body responsible for assessing applications for network operator and retail supplier's licences for private water utilities in NSW.

Altogether Huntlee Water Pty Ltd (Altogether Huntlee) and Altogether Group Pty Ltd (Altogether Group) have applied to vary their network operator's licence (15_030) and a retail supplier's licence (13_001R), under the *Water Industry Competition Act 2006* (NSW) (the WIC Act).

The applications relate to the Huntlee scheme which currently provides drinking water, recycled water and sewerage services to the scheme's residential and commercial customers, in Rothbury and North Rothbury in the Cessnock City and Singleton Shire local government areas.

IPART is seeking comments from stakeholders as part of our assessment of Altogether Huntlee and Altogether Group's applications.

2 Changes to licensed activities

The Huntlee Scheme collects sewage from homes and businesses and treats the sewage to produce recycled water to be distributed back to homes and businesses through a recycled water reticulation network. The scheme also supplies drinking water from Hunter Water's drinking water network at four different bulk supply points.

Altogether Huntlee and Altogether Group have applied:

- to add new end-uses for recycled water (ornamental water features, general washdown, street cleaning and use of process water at the recycled water treatment plant), and
- to add drinking and recycled water storage tanks on Lot 471 DP 1201681 (DA already approved by Cessnock City Council, consent 8/2018/853/1).

3 Changes to the area of operations

Altogether Huntlee and Altogether Group have applied to extend the network and retail licence area of operations to supply recycled water, drinking water and sewerage services to additional customers.

The application for extending the area of operations aligns with the current Huntlee Stage 1 project masterplan boundaries as shown in the DA approved by the Department of Planning and Environment. Refer to NSW Major Projects page for this development at

<https://pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/huntlee-stage-1-development>

Refer to attached map for the existing and proposed areas of operation. Further information is included in the application.

We have identified 3 lots that are encircled by, but not included in the new area of operations should the varied licences be granted. This means that the licensees are not obliged to connect or provide retail services to properties within the lots.

4 Submissions

Information about the proposed variation to the Huntlee scheme is available on our website.

Tell us what you think about the licence application, by using the [Have your say link](#) on our website. Submissions close on 25 January 2023.

We will consider the licence applications and how they meet the licensing criteria and principles of the WIC Act. We will also consider all stakeholder submissions. Our report to the Minister will summarise our assessment of the variation applications and any submissions.

NOLV2 HUNTLER- NEW VERTICES_AREA OF OPERATIONS

Vertex	Easting	Northing
1	347,202	6,383,448
2	346,705	6,383,511
3	346,741	6,383,784
4	345,986	6,383,895
5	346,024	6,384,159
6	345,720	6,384,299
7	345,722	6,384,355
8	345,666	6,384,407
9	345,417	6,384,414
10	345,402	6,384,378
11	345,343	6,384,393
12	345,333	6,384,469
13	345,329	6,384,463
14	345,233	6,384,423
15	344,052	6,384,735
16	343,923	6,383,745
20	344,406	6,383,781
21	344,380	6,383,579
22	344,418	6,383,610
23	344,424	6,383,615
24	344,584	6,383,681
25	344,679	6,383,692
26	344,802	6,383,530
27	345,075	6,383,167
28	345,120	6,383,221
29	345,225	6,383,344
30	345,220	6,383,348
31	345,263	6,383,407
32	345,269	6,383,411
33	345,275	6,383,415
34	345,289	6,383,441
35	345,314	6,383,415
36	345,410	6,383,525
37	345,426	6,383,516
38	345,389	6,383,447
39	345,506	6,383,429
40	345,485	6,383,289
41	345,326	6,383,315
42	345,315	6,383,236
43	345,736	6,382,813
44	345,542	6,382,619
45	345,716	6,382,389
46	345,613	6,382,363
47	345,605	6,382,304
48	345,727	6,382,243
49	345,742	6,382,343
50	347,013	6,382,158
51	345,972	6,383,672
52	346,072	6,383,657
53	346,023	6,383,333
54	345,979	6,383,334
55	345,960	6,383,212
56	345,903	6,383,220
57	345,901	6,383,201
58	346,262	6,383,150
59	346,196	6,382,718
60	345,832	6,382,768

LARGE LOT BOUNDARIES

Vertex	Easting	Northing
61	344,059	6,380,210
62	344,089	6,380,365
63	344,454	6,380,944
64	344,496	6,381,229
65	343,777	6,381,440
66	343,658	6,380,775
67	343,652	6,380,594
68	343,269	6,380,335
69	343,932	6,380,463
70	344,012	6,380,594
71	343,935	6,380,644
72	343,831	6,380,638
73	343,801	6,380,579