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Dear Leonie, Jonathan and Maria,

Unfortunately I travel regional NSW fairly extensively and have not been able to make every submission or hearing. I would like to request a small extension to make this late submission, which is as follows:

- Water Directorate relies on its earlier submission in response to the Issues Paper, also referencing WaterNSW's response to issues.
- One additional item that has become apparent in discussions with Water Directorate stakeholders last week is that there is a potential mismatch in service levels with bulk water deliveries via directly connected infrastructure in the Greater Sydney basin to Sydney Water compared with regional Local Water Utilities. I can think of a similar situation with regional LWU (say) where the Chaffey Dam pipeline has a direct connection to Tamworth Regional Council's water treatment infrastructure, or pipelines connecting to the Fish River scheme in the Central West of NSW. We would like an Operating Licence requirement that provides a similar level of service to LWU's as for Sydney Water as they have the same responsibilities to meet the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines. Presently LWU's are not able to have sufficient control over these bulk water deliveries via directly connected infrastructure to meet the ADWG in some cases.

I trust that this late submission can be accepted. Our submission cover sheet is attached,

Thanks and best regards,

Brendan Guiney | Executive Officer

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