



Mr James Cox
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Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
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Dear Mr Cox

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the application by Pitt Town Water Factory Pty Ltd (PTWF) for a network operator and retail supplier licence under the Water Industry Competition Act 2006. As you know, Sydney Water supports private recycled water schemes wherever possible.

I note that Hawkesbury City Council currently provides sewerage services for the Pitt Town area. I expect that Hawkesbury City Council will negotiate suitable arrangements with PTWF, such as supplier of last resort.

Sydney Water conducted detailed water service planning for the Pitt Town precinct based on development proceeding without any provision of recycled water. The PTWF proposal may necessitate a review of water servicing plans, for example, to consider the net impact on the volume of water required per lot and any requirements for potable top-up of the recycled system. I encourage PTWF to contact Sydney Water to discuss this matter.

Finally, all domestic recycled water schemes pose a risk of contamination to the potable supply as a result of cross connection with the recycled water supply. I am pleased the see the PWTF recycled water system will include appropriate backflow protection and air breaks. Sydney Water will work with PTWF to eliminate any potential contamination of the potable water supply.

If you have any further questions on this matter please contact Richard Schuil, Asset Planning Manager, Hawkesbury-Nepean on (02) 8849 5501.

Yours sincerely

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