



Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
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Dear Sir,

HUNTER WATER CORPORATION OPERATING LICENCE

Council has been requesting Hunter Water Corporation to improve the water filling sites for over five (5) years. It has reached the stage where Council is no longer receiving correspondence on the matter.

The water filling points are used in rural areas where watermains are not established. Water trucks usually fill at designated hydrants via a Hunter Water Corporation supplied standpipe, where a meter on the standpipe measures the water. The Hunter Water Corporation reads the usage and charges the water carrier accordingly.

Council is concerned that the water filling sites are causing damage to the environment and creating a public risk by the erosion, leaking hoses and excess spillage when the hydrants do not turn off. A few of the approved locations are close to the road pavement and are considered a safety issue for the operators and travelling public.

As Hunter Water Corporation is conducting a business from these water filling sites Council believes the sites should be formally constructed with a concrete standing area, sealed access and exit pavements, piped drainage to a drainage area, erosion controls.

In March 2001 Council and Hunter Water Corporation staff conducted a site survey to establish safer and more environmentally friendly sites. To date Council has received no reply to our recommendations.

Photographs of some of the sites are included for your appraisal.

Should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact Council's Civil Maintenance Manager, Mr Bryce Jamieson on telephone 4993 4271.

Yours faithfully,

BRYCE JAMIESON
For CESSNOCK CITY COUNCIL

September 10, 2001