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Dear Dr Parry

I refer to your letter of 19 July 2001 regarding the Review of Hunter Water Corporation's Operating Licence.

I note that both the Hunter Water Corporation's Operating Licence and Sydney Water's standard customer contract are currently under review by IPART. The Department of Fair Trading supports the amendment of Hunter Water Corporation's Operating Licence to require the same level of customer protection to be provided to customers of Hunter Water as those which will be provided in the revised Sydney Water customer contract.

Yours sincerely

DB O'Connor
Director-General
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