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Liz Livingstone - Chief Executive Officer
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
PO Box K35 Haymarket NSW 1240

By email: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Dear Ms Livingstone

The purpose of this letter is to support the application by Green Square Water (as network operator) and Flow Water Systems (as retailer) for a variation of their respective network operator and retailer licences for the recycled water supply system that operates in and around the Green Square Town Centre under the provisions of the Water Industry Competition Act 2006.

In the City's view, it is essential to vary the licence conditions so that recycled water can be made available to the Gunyama Park Aquatic and Recreation Centre (GPARC). This centre is currently under construction and is due to open to the public in early 2020.

Without the proposed changes, GPARC could not be provided with recycled water from the scheme, despite its proximity to the recycling plant. That would be unfortunate, given the upsurge in local water demand that will occur when the centre becomes operational.

Particularly at times like these when potable water resources are under pressure - - thanks to the combined effects of drought and population growth - - it makes sense that facilities like GPARC, which has been specifically designed to make use of recycled water, should be able to do so.

More generally, the use of decentralised water resources like the Green Square town centre system should be encouraged so as to defer as long as possible costly upgrades in the overall metropolitan water supply system.

In this regard, the City notes, expanding the customer base for the Green Square scheme is desirable, as this will improve its financial viability.

As such, the scheme will be better placed to make a long-term contribution to a durable and resilient water supply solution for the wider metropolitan area.

Yours faithfully

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