



**The Hon Niall Blair MLC**  
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Dear Mr Harmstorf

**Submission on the application made by Cooranbong Water Pty Ltd for a variation of its network operator's licence**

Thank you for your letter of 31 October 2018 inviting the Minister for Regional Water to make a submission on the application made by Cooranbong Water Pty Ltd for a variation of its network operator's licence for the Watagan Park scheme (licence number 15\_033).

A water access licence under the *Water Management Act 2000* is not required with respect to the proposed licence variation. The purchase of potable water from a water utility does not require a water access licence. Drinking water for the scheme will be purchased from Hunter Water's potable water supply.

A water supply work approval pursuant to s90(2) of the *Water Management Act 2000* is not required with respect to the proposed licence variation. Pursuant to s37(1)(b) of the *Water Management (General) Regulation (NSW) 2018*, a water supply work is exempt from requiring approval where the construction of a water pipe is solely for conveying water from one place to another.

Pursuant to s43 of the *Water Management (General) Regulation (NSW) 2018*, a network operator is exempt from requiring a controlled activity approval for an activity that is carried out in, on or under waterfront land relating to a river, estuary or lake, if:

- the activity does not cause any change in the course of the river and
- the operator or licensee, after considering s5.5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (NSW) 1979*, is satisfied that the activity is not likely to affect the environment significantly.

If you require additional information or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Ms Alison Collaros, Manager Licensing & Approvals (East) [REDACTED]

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