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Your ref D19/6734

Our ref M19/2858

Dear Ms Towers

I refer to your request for a submission on an application by Wollondilly Water Pty Ltd for a network operator's licence and retail supplier's licence for non-potable water.

Veolia Water Solutions and Technologies currently holds a licence for the Bingara Gorge scheme which is in the Wollondilly Shire Council local government area. NSW Health understands that the licence responsibilities will transfer from Veolia to Wollondilly Water Pty Ltd and that the recycled water treatment process and end uses remain unchanged. NSW Health notes that Veolia will continue to operate the scheme at this time. The application states processes outlined in the management plans will be continued with minor amendments and that Wollondilly Water will assume licence responsibilities as soon as practicable. NSW Health requests that the applicant clarify the scope of the 'minor amendments'.

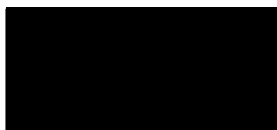
The documentation includes a March 2019 update to the original risk assessment. NSW Health is concerned that it was not consulted on the risk assessment.

I request, as noted previously, that NSW Health is consulted during risk assessments, and when Wollondilly Water updates any management plans and incident notification protocols. NSW Health recommends that Wollondilly Water ensure staff have appropriate expertise for the management of the scheme. NSW Health will follow up with IPART to discuss the most effective way to ensure consideration of health risks when applicants revise existing risk assessments.

NSW Health's response should not be considered an approval or endorsement of the applicant's documentation. NSW Health's review has focused on potential public health issues. NSW Health expects that the review and audit process will confirm the adequacy of the recycled water management plans and compliance with the *Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling*.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission. Should officers of IPART require further information, please contact Dr Paul Byleveld, Manager Water Unit on [REDACTED]. Should the applicant require further information they may contact Mr John Birkett, South Western Sydney Public Health Unit on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely



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Director Environmental Health Branch

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