



Health

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Your ref D18/35908

Our ref M18/7558

Dear Mr Harmstorf

I refer to your request for a submission on an application by WUA MidCo Pty Ltd for a network operator's licence for the Kooragang Industrial Water Scheme.

NSW Health understands that no changes to the recycled water treatment process or end uses are proposed. Suez Pty Ltd holds an existing network operator's licence for the scheme and has been contracted by WUA to operate the scheme. NSW Health was consulted during previous risk assessments for the scheme. I request, as noted previously, that NSW Health is consulted during any further risk assessments, development of management plans and development of incident notification protocols.

WUA has also applied for a retail supplier's licence for both drinking and recycled water. NSW Health understands that WUA will not operate any drinking water infrastructure and supply from Hunter Water Corporation will continue under the existing arrangements. The granting of a licence under the *Water Industry Competition Act 2006* does not automatically exempt the applicant from the requirement under the *Public Health Act 2010* and Public Health Regulation 2012 to develop and adhere to a drinking water management system.

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 audit process will confirm the adequacy of the drinking and recycled water management plans and compliance with the *Australian Drinking Water Guidelines* and *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 Philippe Porigneaux, Hunter New England Public Health Unit on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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