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IM13/39059

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Dear Ms Towers

Thank you for the invitation of 6 September 2013 (your ref 13/243) to make a submission on the application by the Catherine Hill Bay Water Utility Pty Ltd (CHBWU) for a network operator's licence under the *Water Industry Competition Act 2006* (WICA).

It is understood that the WICA licence application is proposed for the construction, maintenance and operation of water industry infrastructure for the provision of potable water and recycled water by CHBWU for the Catherine Hill Bay residential development.

CHBWU plan to supply water for potable purposes from the Wyong Shire Council Kanagara Drive Reservoir as part of a bulk water supply agreement between CHBWU and Wyong Shire Council. The water will be piped from a bulk water supply connection point near the reservoir to the development. No further treatment of the water is required apart from the maintenance of chlorine levels.

There will be no external sources of recycled water as it will be supplied from wastewater generated by the residential development. This water will be collected and treated by CHBWU to a suitable standard to be used for domestic uses such as toilet flushing and will be used to irrigate public open space and parklands.

Under the *Water Management Act 2000* (WMA 2000), water extractions from a water source must be covered by an appropriate water access licence and approval, a basic landholder right or a licence and approval exemption. Potable water and recycled water sourced by CHBWU for the Catherine Hill Bay residential development will not be extracted from a water source. Accordingly, no water access licence or water supply work approval is required for this source of water.

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I have asked that Mark Harris, Manager Water Policy be available to discuss this matter further with you. Mr Harris may be contacted on (02) 8838 7823.

Yours sincerely



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