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Dear Mr Cox

Thank you for your letter on 16 March 2012 requesting comment on the IPART draft determination and report containing draft prices for Sydney Catchment Authority's provision of water services.

The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) and the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) have collaboratively reviewed the proposed prices and have no significant concerns.

OEH and the EPA note that Sydney Catchment Authority's proposed operational expenditure has been accepted and therefore OEH's management of Special Areas appears to have been accepted implicitly as part of the proposed operating expenditure. This has not been specifically addressed in the draft report and OEH seeks clarification from IPART that this is the case.

If you or your staff wish to further discuss the issues raised in this letter, please feel free to contact Ms Bernie Brompton, Regional Operations Officer, EPA on 9995 6844 or by e-mail at bernie.brompton@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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