

Mr Matthew Edgerton  
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Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal  
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Dear Mr Edgerton

I am writing regarding the Cooranbong Water Pty Ltd network operator's licence application for drinking water, recycled water and sewerage services under the *Water Industry Competition Act 2006*.

NSW Health supports the application. I request that NSW Health is consulted by IPART during the detailed drinking water and recycled water risk assessments, at the Technology Assessment stages, following the final compliance audit and before retail supply commences to ensure that all relevant public health matters have been considered.

NSW Health also requests that it is consulted in the development of incident notification and management procedures. NSW Health advises that verification monitoring of both the drinking water and recycled water systems is required at a frequency recommended by the *Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (2011)* and the *Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling: Managing Health and Environmental Risks (2006)*.

NSW Health's response to the application should not be considered an approval or endorsement of any documentation. Review of documents is limited to potential public health issues. NSW Health expects that the adequacy and compliance of the water quality management plans with the relevant frameworks for the management of drinking water and recycled water quality will be confirmed through the audit process.

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 Regulations 2012 to develop and adhere to a drinking water management system.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission. Should officers of IPART require further information, please contact Michelle Phoenix at the Water Unit, NSW Health on (02) 9391 9115. Should the applicant require further information they may contact an Environmental Health Officer at the Hunter New England Public Health Unit on (02) 4924 6477.

Yours sincerely



Prof Wayne Smith  
**Director, Environmental Health**