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Dear Mr Cox

The Sydney Catchment Authority (SCA) is pleased to have the opportunity to comment on the Regulatory Impact Statement for the proposed re-making of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal Regulation 2012.

The SCA considers that the proposed amendments to the way arbitrations are conducted by IPART under the *Water Industry Competition Act 2006* (WIC Act) and other legislation are reasonable. The SCA has no objection to the proposed changes to clause 5 (legal representation), clause 6 (private hearing of disputes) and clause 7 (cost of arbitration).

✓ | In addition, the Regulatory Impact Statement seeks comment on a proposal that the new regulation modify the applicability of section 34 of the *Commercial Arbitration Act 2010* to arbitrations conducted under the WIC Act and other legislation. The SCA supports this modification being included in the new regulation.

If any further information is required from the SCA on this matter, the relevant contact is Mr Ken Elliott, Senior Manager Legal Services, telephone 4724 2285.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Dinning".

**SARAH DINNING**  
**A/Chief Executive**