

3 July 2013

Mr James Cox
Chief Executive Officer
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
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Dear Mr Cox

Re: Application under the *Water Industry Competition Act 2006* for a Network Operator and Retail Supplier licence for University of Western Sydney

Thank you for the opportunity to review the University of Western Sydney's application for a Network Operator and Retail Supplier licence under the *Water Industry Competition Act 2006*. This scheme has now been successfully operating for several years.

Sydney Water's role is to provide reclaimed water at a prescribed quality specification, under a recycled water agreement, to the University's Turkey Nest Dam. After that point, the University is responsible for providing recycled water, sourced from both Sydney Water and local stormwater harvesting, to various customers in and around the Richmond campus.

There is a small factual error in the licence application. Page 6 and 12 state that the agreement between Sydney Water and the University stipulates a minimum supply of 500 megalitres per year of recycled water. In fact, this figure is the maximum supply of reclaimed water to be provided. There is no minimum amount stipulated.

Page 24 of the application mentions that a previous EPA licence was discontinued in around 2000, as 'the broader regulation was captured through [the] agreement with Sydney Water'. The extent of this arrangement is that as a condition of consent for the scheme, Sydney Water requires the University to provide an annual statement of compliance with the Australian Guidelines on Water Recycling. Sydney Water has no involvement with the stormwater aspects of the scheme.

In future, Sydney Water presumes that the University's *Water Industry Competition Act 2006* licence will monitor and regulate the scheme's compliance with its environmental obligations, and the Australian Guidelines on Water Recycling.

If you would like to discuss any of these matters further, please contact Danielle Francis, Sydney Water's Principal Advisor Competition and Regulation, on (02) 8849 4820 or danielle.francis@sydneywater.com.au .

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Freeman', written in a cursive style.

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