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Mr James Cox
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Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
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Dear Mr Cox

Thank you for your invitation of 15 December 2010 (your reference: 10/384) to make a submission on an application by Orica Australia Pty Ltd for a retail supplier's licence and network operator's licence under the *Water Industry Competition Act 2006* in relation to providing non-potable water services for industrial purposes in Botany Industrial Park and surrounds.

In making this submission as Minister responsible for Chapter 2 of the *Water Management Act 2000* (WMA), my main considerations are the Water Management Principles, particularly those relating to the protection of water sources, dependent ecosystems and water quality. I have no issues of concern in relation to my responsibilities under the WMA.

As part of my review of the licence application, I consulted with the NSW Office of Water. The applicant has demonstrated that the groundwater treatment plant produces high-quality water suitable for a range of non-potable end uses. At this stage of the application there are no technical, financial or organisational issues that would exclude the granting of a network operator's licence and retail supplier's licence to Orica Australia Pty Ltd.

Yours sincerely



The Hon. Phillip Costa MP
Minister for Water
Minister for Corrective Services

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