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Investigation into Water and Wastewater
Service Provision in the Greater Sydney Region
- Draft Report
IPART
PO Box Q290
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Dear Sir

AusCID is the principal industry association representing the interests of companies and organisations owning, operating, building, financing, designing and otherwise providing advisory services to private investment in Australian public infrastructure.

The Council formed in 1993 and currently has 88 members, drawn comprehensively from all economic infrastructure sectors including electricity generation, transmission and distribution, gas transmission and distribution, roads, rail, telecommunications, water, airports and ports. As a result of its membership base,

AusCID is in a unique position to consider the views of infrastructure owners, equity investors and debt financiers and combine them with the views of infrastructure operators.

AusCID broadly supports the findings of IPART's *Investigation into Water and Wastewater Service Provision in the Greater Sydney Region - Draft Report*. AusCID in particular supports recommendations that the private sector be able to:

- participate in developing innovative new water supplies and provide infrastructure in Sydney and new growth areas, resulting in changes in Sydney Water's purchasing practices; and
- access Sydney Water's monopoly water and wastewater infrastructure on terms that facilitate competition in retail water and wastewater services, commencing initially with large industrial and commercial customers.

The 22 recommendations in the Draft Report are currently being considered by AusCID members and we will follow up this letter with more detailed comments on these recommendations within the next week.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. O'Neill", written in a cursive style.

Dennis O'Neill
Chief Executive Officer