

Mr James Cox
Chief Executive Officer and Full Time Member
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
Level 8, 1 Market Street
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Dear Mr Cox

I am writing regarding Pitt Town Water Factory Pty Ltd licence application under the *Water Industry Competition Act 2006* for the network operator's licence and the retail supplier's licence for Pitt Town, Hawkesbury.

The NSW Department of Health supports the licence application and would like to offer the following specific comments on the draft risk assessment. There are many hazards and hazardous events listed which could result in failure of the treatment system. An example is item numbers 3 and 4 which cover toxic chemicals entering the system and the potential impact on the biological processes. In these cases the ability to cease supply is mentioned as the control. The cessation of supply of recycled water which does not meet the expected quality needs to be clearly detailed in the final management plans. Pitt Town is within a flood prone area and therefore the risk assessment should include the possibility of flood as a hazard and the management of the associated risk.

The final RWMP should be submitted to the Department for review prior to operation of the recycled water system.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission. Should officers of IPART require further information, please contact Dr Kaye Power at the Water Unit, NSW Department of Health on (02) 9816 0541.

Yours sincerely

 15/6/10

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