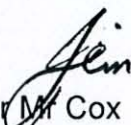


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Dear Mr Cox

Thank you for the invitation of 10 May 2010 (your reference: 10/98-3) to make a submission on the *Water Industry Competition Act 2006* application by the Water Factory Pty Ltd for a retail supplier's and network operator's licence to provide recycled water and sewerage services in the new release area of Pitt Town.

In making this submission, as Minister responsible for the *Water Management Act 2000*, 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 Chapter 2 of the Act.

I note that the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of New South Wales (IPART) has identified issues with regard to the licence application. I request that IPART continues to update the NSW Office of Water on progress in relation to these issues.

Yours sincerely



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

17 AUG 2010