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Dear Mr Reid

I refer to your letter of 23 October 2008 inviting the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) to make a submission in regard to the licence application made by Veolia Water Australia Pty Ltd under the *Water Industry Competition Act 2006* for a network operator's licence.

DECC has reviewed the application and has no objection, in principle, to the proponent holding a network operator's licence. DECC currently regulates Veolia Water Australia in its role as the operator of the Gerringong Gerroa sewerage treatment system. This regulatory role has not raised any issues which would influence the decision you are contemplating.

The development does not appear to be a scheduled activity under the provisions of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (POEO Act) and will therefore not require licensing under that Act. However, the project proponent and its contractors must ensure that the facilities are constructed and operated in accordance with the general environment protection provisions of the environment protection legislation, including the POEO Act.

DECC appreciates the opportunity to review the licence application. Should you have any further enquiries in this matter, please contact me on 9995 6813.

Yours sincerely

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