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Dear Mi- Reid,

Subject: Sydney Catchment Authority's comments on Halcrow Management Sciences report on the review of Hunter Water Corporations Operating Licence

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the report prepared by Halcrow Management Sciences on the review of Hunter Water Corporations Operating Licence.

The Sydney Catchment Authority (SCA) has completed an initial review of the report and believes that both organisations would benefit from meeting to discuss in detail the suggestions made by the consultant.

The SCA believes that the proposed modifications to the regulatory framework will provide a clearer regulatory framework for not only the agencies involved but also stakeholders.

Of particular interest is the proposed regulatory triangle and the application of core standards and service commitments. The SCA is also interested in the system performance standards in particular those dealing with system security. As the later issue is subject to review during mid-term review of the SCA's Operating Licence the SCA believes that it would be prudent to meet to discuss it.

I therefore propose that representatives of the secretariat meet with members of my team on 16 January 2001 from 9.30am – 12pm, in your offices. I will endeavour to provide you with a list of issues that the SCA wishes to discuss prior to the meeting.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter or if the date above is not suitable then please contact me on 473 10210.

Yours faithfully



Richard Warner
General Manager Strategy and Policy