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Dear Dr Paterson

Withdrawal of terms of reference for pricing investigation into the expansion of the Sydney Desalination Plant

I refer to the terms of reference for a one-off pricing investigation regarding the services comprised in the expansion of the Sydney Desalination Plant (SDP) dated 19 December 2019 (Terms of Reference).

As you are likely aware, the Government has decided to put on hold the current expansion planning process for SDP. Accordingly, I hereby withdraw the Terms of Reference pursuant to section 12(5) of the *Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal Act 1992* (which applies to the Terms of Reference under section 52(2) of the *Water Industry Competition Act 2006*).

Yours sincerely

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