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Mr Marcus Crudden
Acting Director, Water
Essential Services Commission
Level 37, 50 Lonsdale Street
Melbourne 3000

Dear Marcus,

Re: Melbourne Water 2016 Price Submission – Barwon Water submission

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to Melbourne Water's 2016 Price Submission.

Melbourne Water has consulted Barwon Water throughout the submission preparation process. Barwon Water supports the methodology adopted by Melbourne Water and resulting proposed wholesale water prices.

Notably, Barwon Water strongly supports the proposed transitional arrangement whereby Barwon Water's share of the *Storage Operator and bulk water service charges* for 2016/17 and 2017/18 are recovered in Barwon Water's next regulatory period.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Seamus Butcher, Manager Strategy, Environment and Regulation on 5226 2545 or slb@barwonwater.vic.gov.au.

Yours faithfully,



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