

By Email water@esc.vic.gov.au

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Mr Sean Crees Director Regulation (Water) Essential Services Commission Level 2, 35 Spring Street, MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Dear Sean,

Re – Inquiry into an access regime for water and sewerage infrastructure services

Western Water welcomes the opportunity to respond to the issues paper released by the ESC on "Inquiry into an access regime for water and sewerage infrastructure services".

Western Water supports the submission made on behalf of the Victorian water industry by VicWater. Western Water also encourages the ESC to consult widely and conduct workshops with the water sector to further develop and resolve the issues raised and would welcome the opportunity to participate where relevant.

Should any further information be required, please contact Vicki Pinder, Manager Regulation via email <u>vicki.pinder@westernwater.com.au</u> or on 0438 066 820.

Yours sincerely,

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