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Dear Ms Gardner,

WATER LICENCE REVIEW 2019 – WATER CORPORATION PUBLIC SUBMISSION

Thank you for the opportunity to submit feedback on the Economic Regulation Authority's (ERA) Issues Paper on the Water Licence Review 2019.

The Water Corporation (Corporation) is supportive of the changes proposed in the Issues Paper.

In relation to your recommendations please find our comments as follows:

1. **Recommendation 4**, clause 7.1.1 [now 1.1.1]: The definition of the *Australian Drinking Water Guidelines* (ADWG) in the Water Services Licence refers to a specific version (3.5) of the ADWG and notes, "*as amended from time to time*". The Corporation complies with the version of the ADWG as agreed with the Department of Health (DoH) through the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The MoU outlines how the DoH and the Corporation interprets the ADWG in context of Western Australia.

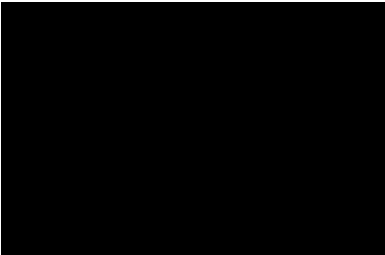
We propose an alternative definition:

Australian Drinking Water Guidelines means the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines of the National Water Quality Management Strategy published by the National Health and Medical Research Council, as is outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Health and the Licensee for Drinking Water Quality.



2. **Recommendation 19**, Amend Schedule 2, clause 1.2: 1.2.1 (b) and 1.2.2 refers to "premises". The Corporation would like to suggest replacing this word with "property" to provide consistency with the rest of the Licence.

If there are any queries, please contact our Head of Risk & Assurance, Dr Wayne Kearney on (08) 9420 2782 or wayne.kearney@watercorporation.com.au



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