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Dear Mr Reid

**BHP BILLITON IRON ORE PTY LTD –
APPLICATION FOR A WATER SERVICE LICENCE**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the application by BHP Billiton Iron Ore Pty Ltd for a licence to provide drinking water services to customers in and around Newman.

The Department of Health (DOH) does not object to this licence application, provided that any drinking water supply licence that is granted incorporates provisions requiring the licensee to enter a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the DOH about drinking water, and that those provisions are consistent with the content of other drinking water supply licenses previously granted by the Economic Regulation Authority.

The MOU will include provisions relating to monitoring, catchment to tap risk management, periodic reporting of water quality data to DOH and incident reporting to DOH, including reporting of events described by the applicant as 'operational drinking water events' in section 6.2.1 of its application. It will also require compliance with any source protection plan agreed to between the applicant (or its related entities) and the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.

Should you have any queries or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Richard Theobald, Managing Scientist – Water, on (08) 9222 2000.

Yours sincerely

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