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Kate Symons
(Acting) Chair
Essential Services Commission
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Dear Ms Symons

The Essential Services Commission's application for re-accreditation under Part 9 of the Water Charge (Infrastructure) Rules 2010

I am writing to inform you that the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has approved the Essential Services Commission's (ESC) application for re-accreditation under Part 9 of the Water Charge (Infrastructure) Rules 2010 (WCIR). Accreditation allows the ESC to make price approvals or determinations for Part 6 and Part 7 rural water infrastructure operators in Victoria. The reasons for the ACCC approving the re-accreditation and the terms and conditions of accreditation are set out in the ACCC's Final Decision which is attached.

Unless revoked by the ACCC under Rule 67 of the WCIR, the period of accreditation is from 17 February 2022 to 16 February 2032, a period of ten years.

We expect that operational arrangements between the ACCC and the ESC in relation to the accreditation will continue under the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the ACCC and the ESC on 27 June 2012.

If your staff have any questions about any aspect of this decision, please contact Leo Lovius on (03) 9290 1909/ leo.lovius@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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