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Dear Mr Petrus,

Re: SA Water Regulatory Determination 2020 – Draft Framework and Approach

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the ESCOSA SA Water Regulatory Determination 2020 – Draft Framework and Approach. The EPA is supportive of the Draft Framework which is consistent with recent discussions and allows for requirements under the Environment Protection Act 1993 to be appropriately considered. We are particularly supportive of the following elements in the framework:

- The long term approach to infrastructure upgrades. This will allow for improvements to major metropolitan as well as regional wastewater treatment plants in accordance with the EPA prioritisation of these facilities. In addition, the management of water and wastewater network overflows can be appropriately considered.
- Involvement of other regulators of SA Water more regularly in the process. This will ensure that the determination is consistent with environmental obligations that SA Water must meet, and the inclusion of SA Water's customer engagement process.
- The release of technical papers prior to receiving the Regulatory Business Proposal.

The EPA looks forward to working with SA Water and ESCOSA on the development of the draft Regulatory Business Proposal for the 2020-2024 period.

For further information on this matter, please contact Shaun Thomas on (08) 8204 2023 or shaun.thomas@sa.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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