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SA Water Regulatory Determination 2020

Dear Mr Wilson,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the SA Water Regulatory Determination 2020 (RD20).

The South Australian Regulators' Working Group which has met regularly to discuss the RD20 has proven to be a useful forum to share ideas, understand the various regulatory requirements and highlight our joint expectations of SA Water.

We have not yet been able to view the Asset Management Consulting Limited (AMCL) report on SA Water mains breaks, which would have provided valuable context on whether the proposed investment framework for the water supply network is in sync with the findings in this report.

The Office of the Technical Regulator supports the drive for better information on the state of the assets through smart infrastructure, data analytics and condition-based maintenance regimes. Furthermore, increasing the number of valves in the network and undertaking pressure management trials are considered to be worthwhile.

Regarding the proposed expenditure on Dam Safety, it is our observation that SA Water shows a clear commitment to meet the ANCOLD (Australian National Committee on Large Dams) Guidelines. The proposed upgrades to dams, in particular to Mt Bold reservoir is necessary if they are to be able to meet the ANCOLD Guidelines which are considered to be best practice for dam safety in Australia.

The report from the Chair of the Customer Negotiation Committee Mr John Hill provides worthwhile considerations on the RD20 and we concur that a proposed earlier involvement of such a committee would provide a more robust in-depth analysis and enable the ability to form a view on the aggregate impact of the plan.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to call Naomi Struve, Manager Water and Sewerage Infrastructure on 08 8429 3622.

Yours sincerely

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