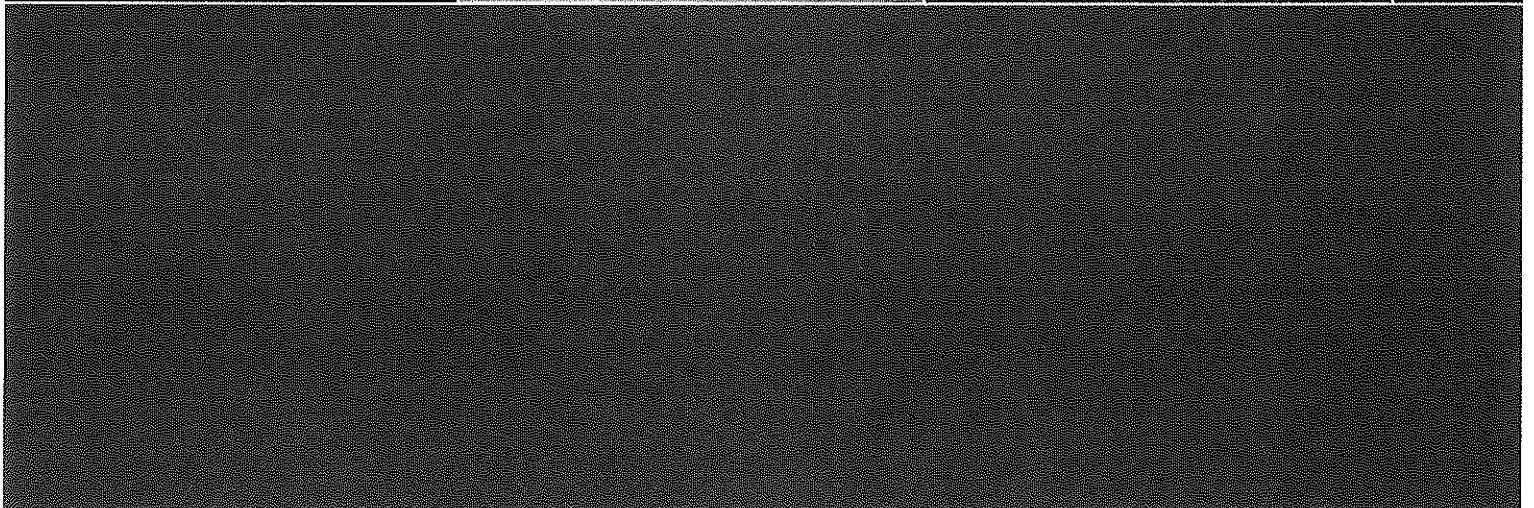
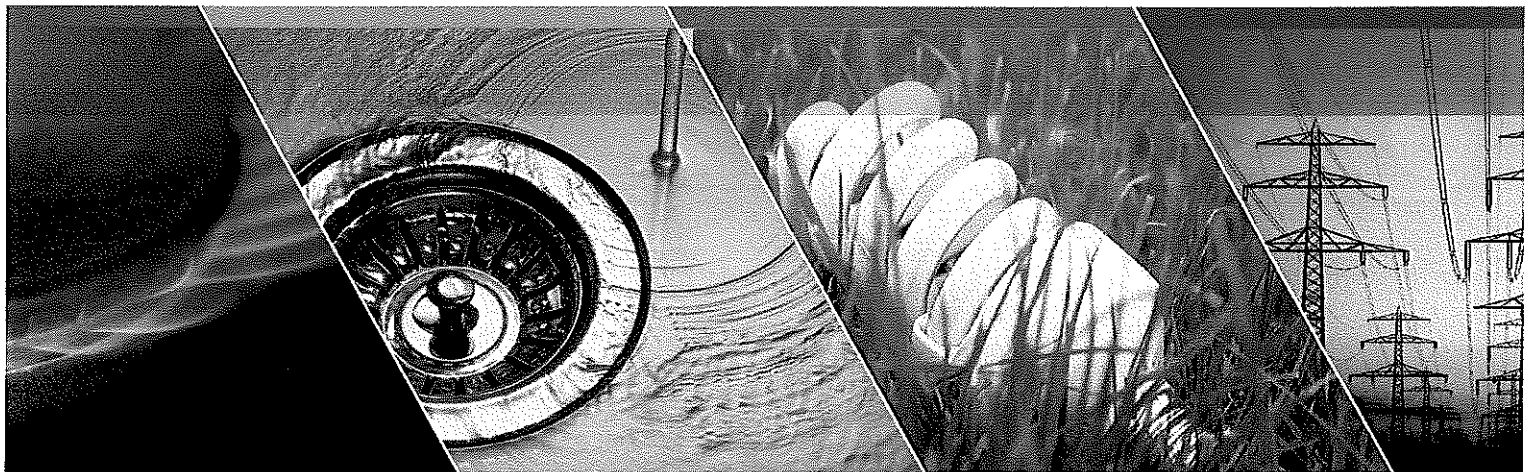


# APPLICATION FORM FOR THE ISSUE OF A LICENCE BY THE ESSENTIAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF SA UNDER THE WATER INDUSTRY ACT

*Application Form*

THIS REGULATORY DOCUMENT SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION  
WITH THE FINAL ADVICE





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## **INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS BEFORE FILLING OUT THIS FORM**

### *Purpose of this form*

This form is to be completed by persons making an application to the Essential Services Commission of South Australia (the **Commission**) for the issue of a licence to provide a retail service (or undertake any other activity for which a licence is required by the regulations) in the water industry in South Australia.

The Commission may consider joint applications from two or more persons who wish to hold a licence jointly. Persons making joint applications must ensure that each of the applicants completes a separate application form together with a covering letter explaining that the application is for a licence to be jointly held.

### *Basis for this form*

Section 19(1) of the *Water Industry Act 2012* (the **Act**) provides that an application for the issue of a licence must be made to the Commission in a form approved by the Commission. This is the form approved by the Commission.

### *Use of this form and applicant's responsibility*

For the purpose of this application form, a reference to the term "Officer" include the applicant's directors and secretary, and/or other persons who make or participate in making decisions that affect a substantial part of the business of the applicant (e.g. Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, General Manager etc.).

Applicants should list the information requested in the spaces provided in this form and enclose additional information when required. Applicants must take all reasonable steps to ensure the information provided in the application form is complete, true and correct and are required to make a declaration to that effect. Failure to disclose information or misrepresent any matter relevant to such information may result in a licence not being issued or in the suspension or cancellation of a licence at a later time.

Applicants are responsible for providing the Commission with current, accurate and relevant information. This will ensure that the application is processed promptly and without delay. All applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis. If insufficient information is provided with an application, the Commission will request additional information to be submitted before the application is considered further. This may cause delays in the assessment of the application.

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*Prior reading*

It is essential that licence applicants read the Commission's Water Bulletin – "*Licensing Arrangements for the Water Industry*" before they fill out this form. This Bulletin is available on the Commission's website [www.escosa.sa.gov.au](http://www.escosa.sa.gov.au) under water/licensing. Applicants should also familiarise themselves with the regulatory obligations set out in the Act and the Water Retail Code that will apply to entities that provide retail services.

*Licence conditions*

Section 25 of the Act requires the Commission to impose certain conditions in licences. The Commission strongly recommends that applicants review these mandatory conditions. Applicants must be familiar with the relevant conditions and be confident that they can comply with the conditions. The Commission will have regard to the scale and nature of the operations undertaken by an applicant in imposing these conditions and will be available to consult with an applicant in this regard.

*Consultation and Confidentiality*

The Commission will consult with relevant government, industry and consumer groups in the conduct of its licensing functions through a public consultation process. Consequently, applications and/or supporting information will be made available on the Commission's website and in hard copy from the Commission's office for this purpose.

If applicants believe that they are providing confidential information when completing this form they should write "this information is confidential" after any such information. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure this is clearly highlighted on the form. Applicants should also provide a 'non-confidential' version of the form capable of publication on the Commission's website.

The Commission will use information supplied in applications and in support of applications in accordance with the requirements of Part 5 of the *Essential Services Commission Act 2002*. Applicants claiming confidentiality are encouraged to familiarise themselves with Part 5. Applicants should note that the Commission may be required to disclose confidential information in some circumstances.

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*How to lodge an application*

Applicants should send their completed application form in writing and electronically.

In writing to:      Essential Services Commission of SA  
                                 GPO Box 2605  
                                 Adelaide SA 5001

Electronically to: [licensing@escosa.sa.gov.au](mailto:licensing@escosa.sa.gov.au)

*Application fee*

Applicants must also enclose an application fee (which is to be set by the Treasurer) with their application. This fee must be received by the Commission in cleared funds before it can commence assessing an application.

*Annual licence fee*

Holding a licence incurs an annual licence fee. The licence fees are set by the Treasurer, however, are collected by the Commission. At annual intervals, the Commission, on behalf of the Department of Treasury and Finance, will send to each licensee an invoice for the relevant annual licence fee. Licence fees are to be paid on receipt of an invoice via one of the payment options set out in the invoice.

A licence cannot be issued until the first annual licence fee has been paid.

## 1. THE APPLICANT

*Applicants must answer all questions in this section.*

### 1.1. Identity of applicant

*State the full name of the applicant. The applicant should be the person/entity that will be providing a retail service (e.g. retail or distribution operations etc). The Commission can also consider joint applications from two or more persons who wish to jointly hold the licence. Joint applicants should each complete an application form, and submit their application forms at the same time, with a covering letter explaining that a joint application is being made.*

**Name:** Wudinna District Council

### 1.2. Legal identity of applicant

*Provide information about the applicant, (i.e. whether the applicant is a natural person, proprietary limited or public company, partnership or local government body etc). If the applicant is a body corporate, please also state the jurisdiction in which the applicant is registered, and the applicant's ABN/ACN.*

Wudinna District Council ABN 28 306 741 059

Local Government

### 1.3. Address and Contact Details of applicant

**Business Address:**

11 Burton Tce

Wudinna

**State:** South Australia                      **Post Code:** 5652

**Postal Address (if different to Business Address):**

PO Box 6 Wudinna

**State:** South Australia                      **Post Code:** 5652

**Telephone:** 08 86802002

**Facsimile:** 08 86802296

**E-mail:** admin@wudinna.sa.gov.au



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*1.4. Contact Person on behalf of applicant*

*The full name, title and contact details of a person to whom the Commission can direct enquiries and correspondence about the application.*

**Full Name:** Andrew Buckham

**Title:** Economic Development Officer

**Business Address:**

11 Burton Tce Wudinna

**State:** South Australia                      **Post Code:** 5652

**Postal Address (if different to above):**

PO Box 6 Wudinna

**State:** South Australia                      **Post Code:** 5652

**Telephone:** 08 86802002

**Facsimile:** 08 86802296

**E-mail:** admin@wudinna.sa.gov.au

*1.5. Contact person for licence fees*

*The full name or title of the person to whom the Commission can direct enquiries and correspondence about licence fees.*

**Full Name:** As above

**Business Address:**

As above

**State:** .....                      **Post Code:** .....

**Postal Address (if different to above):**

As above

**State:** .....                      **Post Code:** .....

**Telephone:** As Above

**Facsimile:** As Above

**E-mail:** As Above

## 2. THE LICENCE

*Applicants must answer all questions in this section.*

### *2.1. A detailed description of the retail services for which a licence is sought*

*For example:*

*Water: drinking- residential and/or non-residential;*

*Water: non-drinking – residential and/or non-residential;*

*Sewerage: residential and/or non-residential; and*

*Sewerage – trade waste – non-residential.*

*Applicants should provide detailed information in respect of where the retail services will be provided and to whom (i.e. type and number of customers)*

Application is for a licence that will authorise all water and sewerage services provided by Council

**1. Water Supply – Non Potable Harvest of stormwater and Community Wastewater** for irrigation use on open space, parks and gardens. Scheme has been constructed in various stages, and continues to be added to. CWMS water is reused on Town Oval only, utilising a sub surface water system. Other sites use harvested stormwater, and include Wudinna Bowling Club, Wudinna Area School and Wudinna District Council parks and gardens. (Sold to 4 entities including Council)

**2. Water Supply – Non Potable Harvest of stormwater for sale to private entities**

Harvested stormwater only. No formal connections in place as at writing this application, but formal letter of offer and water use agreement have been issued to 3 entities having expressed and interest. It is intended that usage be limited to non potable suitable purposes.

**3. Community Wastewater Management Scheme – Septic Tank common effluent treatment network within the township of Wudinna**

Infrastructure was completed in 1986, being a network of gravity drains, and rising mains, two pumping stations to an oxidisation lagoon. Life expectancy of the scheme is 50 to 70 years from install, with pumping station life 30 years from install. Health department Approval No CD NO 205

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Connection points available – 319, with 282 live domestic, commercial and institutional connections currently

**4. Minnipa Community Water Harvest Scheme**

Small scale infrastructure to harvest stormwater from the streets of Minnipa for use on the townships parks and gardens (oval and bowling green). Only installed June 2012, and handed to the local community to manage.

*2.2. Date from which Licence is sought*

*If the applicant seeks to have the licence issued by a certain date, provide this date. Please note that the Commission does not undertake to issue the licence by this date. Applicants should usually allow the Commission a minimum of eight weeks to consider an application, as a public consultation period of several weeks forms part of the Commission's consideration of licence applications.*

This is the first ESCoSA licence, to cover water schemes already in existence.

Licence is sought from 1 January 2013

### 3. SUITABILITY OF APPLICANT TO HOLD A LICENCE

*Applicants must answer all questions in this section.*

#### *3.1. Standard of honesty and integrity shown by applicant*

*In deciding whether the applicant is a suitable person to hold a licence, the Commission may:*

- consider the applicant's previous commercial and other dealings, and*
- the standard of honesty and integrity shown in those dealings.*

*Please provide information that will assist the Commission in its consideration of this matter. If the applicant:*

- has been found guilty of any criminal offence,*
- has been successfully prosecuted under any Territory, State or Commonwealth legislation (such as the Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001 or the Competition and Consumer Act 2010); or*
- has been the subject of disciplinary action,*
- details of such matters must be disclosed. Failure to disclose such information or misrepresent any matter relevant to such information may result in the cancellation of a licence.*

*The Commission may use the service of an external expert to assist with the assessment of the applicant's standard of honesty and integrity.*

Council is a local government body. The Council has not been convicted of any criminal offence. Council has not been prosecuted under any State or Commonwealth legislation, and Council welcomes any further investigation by the Commission

#### *3.2. Standard of honesty and integrity shown by officers and major shareholders (if relevant) of the applicant*

*Applicants should address responses to this question in the same manner as 3.1 above.*

Council is a local government body administering the Wudinna District Council area.

Officers are screened as part of the normal employment process and are bound by the Council's Code of Conduct. No officers or elected members have been convicted of any criminal offence, nor have been prosecuted by any State or Commonwealth legislation.

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No officers or Council members receive any commission or other benefit from the sale of water or collection of any fees in relation to any of the Council's water schemes.

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*3.3. Names and addresses of the officers of applicant*

*State the names and addresses of the officers of the applicant. "Officers" of the applicant include the applicant's directors and secretary, or other persons who make or participate in making decisions that affect a substantial part of the business or operations of the applicant that will be licensed.*

**Full Name:** Alan McGuire

**Office Held:** Chief Executive Officer

**Business Address:** PO Box 6 Wudinna

**State:** South Australia    **Post Code:** 5652

**Full Name:** Mike Thompson

**Office Held:** Environmental and Community Services Manager

**Business Address:** PO Box 6 Wudinna

**State:** South Australia    **Post Code:** 5652

**Full Name:** Andrew Buckham

**Office Held:** Economic Development Officer

**Business Address:** PO Box 6 Wudinna

**State:** South Australia    **Post Code:** 5652

**Full Name:** Neil Haines

**Office Held:** Works Manager

**Business Address:** PO Box 6 Wudinna

**State:** South Australia    **Post Code:** 5652

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**Full Name:** Tim Scholz

**Office Held:** Principal Member (Chairman)

**Business Address:** PO Box 6 Wudinna

**State:** South Australia **Post Code:** 5652

**Full Name:** Neville Scholz

**Office Held:** Elected Member (Deputy Chairman)

**Business Address:** PO Box 6 Wudinna

**State:** South Australia **Post Code:** 5652

**Full Name:** Jeffrey Frischke

**Office Held:** Elected Member

**Business Address:** PO Box 6 Wudinna

**State:** South Australia **Post Code:** 5652

**Full Name:** Greg DuBois

**Office Held:** Elected Member

**Business Address:** PO Box 6 Wudinna

**State:** South Australia **Post Code:** 5652

**Full Name:** Eleanor Scholz

**Office Held:** Elected Member

**Business Address:** PO Box 6 Wudinna

**State:** South Australia **Post Code:** 5652

**Full Name:** Craig Walladge

**Office Held:** Elected Member

**Business Address:** PO Box 6 Wudinna

**State:** South Australia **Post Code:** 5652

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**Full Name:** Paul May

**Office Held:** Elected Member

**Business Address:** PO Box 6 Wudinna

**State:** South Australia      **Post Code:** 5652

*(attach additional pages if necessary)*



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*3.4. Names and addresses of major shareholders of applicant (not relevant for local council applicants)*

*State the full names and addresses of the major shareholders of the applicant.*

Not applicable (Local Government Body)

*3.5. Details of the group members (not relevant for local council applicants)*

Not applicable (Local Government Body)

*3.6. Additional information*

*Please answer the following questions.*

- *Is the applicant a resident of, or does it have permanent establishment in, Australia? If the answer to this question is "no", please provide further details.*

Yes. Applicant is a resident entity

- *Is the applicant under external administration (as defined in the Corporations Act 2001) or under a similar form of administration under any laws applicable to it in any jurisdiction? If the answer to this question is "yes", please provide further details.*

No (not applicable)

- *Is the applicant immune from suit in respect of the obligations under the Water Industry Act 2012? If the answer to this question is "yes", please provide further details.*

No

- *Is the applicant capable of being sued in its own name in a court of Australia? If the answer to this question is "no", please provide further details*

Yes

**Note: Council carries comprehensive liability insurance via the Local Government Mutual Liability Scheme.**

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*3.7. Financial resources available to the applicant*

*Provide information about the financial resources available to the applicant which provides sufficient evidence of the current and ongoing financial capacity of the applicant to effectively provide the relevant retail services (e.g. bank guarantees, credit history and business continuity arrangements).*

*If the applicant is a company, please enclose a copy of the audited (and Board approved) profit and loss statement and balance sheet for the previous two financial years, including the director's report and the audit opinion. If the applicant is a subsidiary company, please also provide a copy of the audited profit and loss statement and balance sheet of the applicant's parent company for the previous two financial years.*

*If an applicant is a local council, please enclose a copy of the audited profit and loss statement and balance sheet for the previous two financial years.*

*Applicants should also submit copies of business plans which detail the strategic direction of the applicant, including its objectives, identified opportunities in the market place and forecast results.*

Council is a local government body, and as such provides for annual audited financial statements, which are publically available.

The Financial Statement and Annual Report forms a part of this application

Annual Business Plan and Budget attached

Current Strategic Management Plan

*3.8. Human resources available to the applicant*

*Provide information about the human resources available to the applicant, for example, the number of employees and the experience of these employees in providing the services for which the licence is sought. If the applicant will employ contractor/s to assist with the licensed operations, please provide the name of that contractor/s, and details about the experience of the contractor/s in such operations and details of the processes in place to ensure the contractor/s will comply with the regulatory obligations imposed by the licence.*

Council employs nine administrative staff (currently) and also a work gang of ten.

CWMS is managed by Council Works Manager Mr Neil Haines, employed with Council +25 years

*3.9. Technical resources available to the applicant*

*Applicants are asked to provide details about the availability of technical resources to be used in carrying out the services for which a licence is sought. The information should include details about the technically qualified staff available to the applicant and (if relevant) of experience gained in similar operations.*

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*Applicants must also provide sufficient details of the systems and processes to be used to market and/or communicate with customers, to provide bills, to follow up payments and process customer move-ins and move-outs and deal with customer enquiries and complaints.*

Council employs an Environmental Health Manager, with water experience. Specific projects are managed either by the Economic Development Officer or the Works Manager.

Any issues are handled via the administrative staff, who will record the issue and forward to the relevant department for action. Outstanding issues are followed up at weekly staff meetings.

Water Billing to irrigation users is quarterly in terms of Council Community Water Policy (attached). CWMS levies are charged with Council rates, either annually or quarterly as selected by the ratepayer.

Rates and billing processes include:-

Information on the rates notice to demonstrate how challenges to the charges are pursued,

Billing information (eg payment options),

Frequency (eg customers are billed quarterly by way of issue of a rates notice. The relevant water/sewerage charge is detailed on the rates notices. Which are issued within 30-60 days of payments falling due in September, December, March and June, pursuant to section 181 of the Local Government Act 1999),

Water/ sewerage service rates and / or charges are imposed in reliance upon section 155 of the Local Government Act 1999, and that Council will impose fines and/or interest in respect of late payments pursuant to section 1181(8) of the Local Government Act 1999,

Where applicable the issue of remainder notices,

Consequences of non-payment and payment difficulties, eg option to enter into an agreed payment plan, outstanding charges are recoverable by way of debt recovery proceedings in a Court of competent jurisdiction and, option to sell land for non-payment of rates under section 184 of the Local Government Act 1999, and

Council is obliged to maintain the Assessment Record under section 172 of the Local Government Act 1999, which includes details of every piece of land in the Council's area to which a water/sewerage rate and/or service charge attaches

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and the person who is liable to pay the service rate or charge, thereby constituting a record of Councils's water/ sewerage service "Customers".

Complaints Handling including for internal review of Council decisions under section 270 of the Local Government Act 1999.

Records Management. Council maintains a comprehensive records management system, which includes electronic filing records, archives and document tracking systems..

Council maintains full O H and S policies including incident reporting and recording procedures. These policies are available if required, and bind contractors upon the signing of a contract.

Emergency Management procedures are in place, with the water systems emergency management overseen by the Works manager Neil Haines. This includes out of hours service provision if required.

### *3.10. Contracts*

*Applicants must provide reasonable evidence that they are able to meet reasonably foreseeable obligations under contracts for the sale and supply of water or the sale or supply of sewerage services (or both) as the case may be. Such contracts would include contracts whereby the applicant is reliant on a supply of water or specific sewerage service from a third party which is intends to on sell to its customers.*

Council's sale of water is not guaranteed and dependent upon reserves on hand. A Water Use agreement has been formulated for each user to outline this arrangement, which is overseen by the Council Water Committee.

Supply of CWMS water is to one site only, which is the only one suitable to use this quality water.

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*3.11. Suitable and appropriate infrastructure*

*The Commission may not issue a licence unless it is satisfied that the infrastructure to be used in connection with the relevant service is appropriate for the purposes for which it will be used. Applicants are therefore asked to provide a detailed description of the infrastructure that will be utilised by the applicant in providing the retail services for which the licence is sought and verify that the infrastructure has been (or will be) developed in accordance with relevant Australian Industry Codes and Australian Standards with reference to technical specifications or reports.*

*If an applicant does not own the infrastructure to be used in delivering the relevant retail services, the applicant must provide information regarding the appropriateness of that infrastructure and of the binding arrangements that are (or will be) in place with the owner of the infrastructure in regards to the use of the infrastructure.*

The development of water infrastructure has been in compliance with Health Department guidelines.

CWMS development has been with relevant Health and Statutory approvals, engineer designed and professionally installed. Plans and audit reports are available. Ongoing management and operation of schemes continue to be within the terms and conditions set down under the relative approvals.

Stormwater collection systems are a mixture of existing infrastructure (built circa 1920s) which has been restored, and also basic township drainage collection. Storage is in a series of dams and tanks. All are Council owned and fit for the purpose used.

*3.12. Risk management*

*Provide confirmation and reasonable evidence that the applicant's management has identified the risks associated with the retail services it intends to provide and has established, utilises and relies upon risk management systems and processes which are adequate, accurate and current to address those risks. A copy of the applicant's risk management strategy should be submitted.*

Risk Management is part of Councils Risk Management process, which is audited and oversees by the Local Government Mutual Liability Scheme

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*3.13. Licences held by the applicant in other Australian jurisdictions*

*If the applicant holds, or has previously held, a retail services licence or equivalent in other Australian jurisdictions please provide details. If a licence previously held has been suspended or cancelled, please provide details.*

Not applicable

*3.14. Previous unsuccessful licence applications in other Australian jurisdictions*

*Please state whether the applicant has applied for a water retail licence or equivalent in another Australian jurisdiction and not been issued with a licence, and provide relevant details.*

Not applicable

*3.15. Licences held by associates of the applicant*

*If an associate of the applicant (within the meaning of the Corporations Act) holds a water retail licence in South Australia or in other Australian jurisdictions, please provide details.*

Not applicable

*3.16. Compliance program*

*Applicants are required to submit a copy of their Compliance Program which details what compliance systems the applicant has (or will have) in place and a description of how these systems will ensure compliance with the applicable regulatory obligations imposed by a licence and the Water Retail Code. The Commission expects that a Compliance Program will, as a minimum, document:*

- the obligations that will apply to the applicant;*
- the processes that are (or will be) in place to ensure the applicant's compliance with obligations;*
- details on how compliance is monitored;*
- details of how non-compliance will be reported and rectified; and*
- details of any internal audit programs in place that review (or will review) the effectiveness of the Compliance Program from time to time.*

Compliance of water use is monitored by Council staff, with all water metered and tracked. Formal manual meter reads are monthly.

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Council has a Community Water Policy which covers the resale of water under Council jurisdiction, which is coupled with an individual User Agreement. These documents form part of this application.

*3.17. Additional information*

*The Commission encourages applicants to provide any additional information they consider would be of assistance in supporting the application. Please provide below.*

HDS Scoping Study Report. (July 2008) Provides detail to the existing Water Harvest Scheme

Health Dept Approval 16 August 2010 (CWMS Re Use)

Development Approval 7 May 2010 (CWMS Re Use)

Community Water Policy

Water Use Agreement

Stormwater Reticulation Summary

Detailed engineering plans for CWMS are available if required

## 4. FACTORS SPECIFIED IN THE ESSENTIAL SERVICES COMMISSION ACT 2002

*In considering a licence application, the Commission must have as its primary objective the protection of the long term interests of consumers with respect to the price, quality and reliability of essential services, and must also have regard to the need to:*

- a) promote competitive and fair market conduct;*
- b) prevent misuse of monopoly or market power;*
- c) facilitate entry into relevant markets;*
- d) promote economic efficiency;*
- e) ensure consumers benefit from competition and efficiency;*
- f) facilitate maintenance of the financial viability of regulated industries and the incentive for long term investment;*
- g) promote consistency in regulation with other jurisdictions.*

*If the applicant believes that information about their application would assist the Commission in its consideration of these factors, the applicant should provide such information below.*

The scale of Councils CWMS and Water Harvest schemes are small and used locally within the community. The CWMS is expected to yield 8 to 10 ML per annum for irrigation reuse, and the Stormwater Schemes 25 to 30ML per annum for irrigation use.

Water supplied is non potable and suitable for its purpose.

Council Policy has allowed for distribution of surplus Community Water to private users, subject to signing a User Agreement. An Expression of Interest process was followed up by the issue of three agreements to prospective users, however none have at this stage accepted their agreement, and therefore no private users are currently connected. A copy of Councils existing Community Water Policy is attached.

The initial CWMS – Septic Tank Effluent Disposal Scheme was constructed in 1986, the reuse component of this scheme was completed October 2010.

The Wudinna Stormwater Harvest Scheme project commenced in the year 2000, and has been added to progressively since that time.



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Minnipa township water harvest infrastructure was added June 2012, so is only new, but this is in the process of handing over to the Minnipa Progress Association Inc to manage.

Wudinna and Minnipa are remote, and as such there is no plans to extend into general water trade marketing, and the scale of the current water schemes will preclude this. The aim of our water schemes is simply to cover the essential irrigation needs of key community parks and gardens, and allow for a distribution to other entities if there is surplus supply

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## 5. APPLICATION FEES

*Applicants for a licence must pay the Commission an application fee which is fixed by the Treasurer. Please enclose this fee with the application. An application cannot be considered until this fee has been received.*

It is understood that as our Schemes (Sewerage/ Retail) were operational prior to 30 June 2012, no application fee applies

## 6. DECLARATION

All information in this application for the issue of a licence to authorise the provision of retail services in the water industry in South Australia must be verified by a Statutory Declaration of the applicant, in accordance with the provisions of the *Oaths Act 1936 (SA)*<sup>1</sup>, stating that the information contained in the application is true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge, information and belief.

In conjunction with this declaration, evidence of the relevant authority of the declarant to sign on behalf of the applicant must also be provided to the Commission.<sup>2</sup>

**Statutory Declaration**

I ..... Alan F McGuire .....  
of ..... PO Box 6 WUDINNA .....

do solemnly and sincerely declare that the information contained in this Application for the issue of a licence to authorise the provision of retail services in the water industry in South Australia is true and correct to the best of my knowledge information and belief.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the *Oaths Act 1936*.

Date ..... 19/10/12 .....

Signature ..... [Handwritten Signature] .....

(Where the applicant is a body corporate, the declaration must be made by a person authorised by body corporate to sign on its behalf)

Declared at: WUDINNA ..... this ..... 19<sup>th</sup> ..... day of ..... OCTOBER ..... 2012 .....

Before me: ..... [Handwritten Signature] ..... **J. HYNES J.P.** ..... *A Justice of the Peace in and for the State of South Australia.*

(Signature of Justice of the Peace or other person authorised under the Oaths Act 1936)

1 Or equivalent legislation in other Australian jurisdictions.  
2 The Commission will accept a copy of a Board or Council minute (or circulating resolution) giving approval for the declarant to sign on behalf of the applicant as evidence of the relevant authority.

