

7 December 2012

Mr David Heeps Chief Executive Officer Essential Services Commission Level 2, 35 Spring Street Melbourne VIC 3000

Dear David

Re: COMMISSION'S FINAL DECISION: BARWON WATER APPLICATION FOR PRICE ADJUSTMENT

In response to the Commission's final decision on 18 June 2012, wherein the Commission approved a further 3 percent increase to Barwon Water's maximum water prices for 2012-13 subject to satisfying the Commission that the Melbourne to Geelong Pipeline is in service, I am writing to seek the Commission's consent for Barwon Water to implement this price increase from 1 January 2013.

Since my correspondence on 12 June 2012, construction of the pipeline including all remedial works on the faulty valves and flanges has been completed. The pipeline has been tested and Barwon Water is now able to supply water from the pipeline if required (the pipeline is in service).

Considering Geelong's water storages, currently at 93 percent, Barwon Water expects that it will not require water from the Melbourne water pool for a number of years.

Barwon Water looks forward to receiving the Commission's acknowledgement that it may apply the approved MGP price adjustment on 1 January 2013 as per the Commissions *final decision on Barwon Water's application for price adjustment*.

Yours sincerely

Joe Adamski Managing Director