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Marcus Crudden
Essential Services Commission
Level 37, 2 Lonsdale Street
MELBOURNE 3000

Dear Marcus

**2018 WATER PRICE REVIEW
GOULBURN VALLEY WATER RESPONSE TO DRAFT DECISION**

I refer to the 2018 Water Price Review Draft Decision and thank you for the opportunity to respond and provide further information.

Goulburn Valley Water (GVW) accepts the Draft Decision from the Essential Services Commission (ESC).

The following points are provided in relation to specific requests for feedback from GVW in the Draft Decision:

- The proposal from ESC to approve the continuation of the existing standard water charge for New Customer Contributions is accepted by GVW. An updated New Customer Contributions model will be forwarded to ESC.
- The financial model has been updated to reflect cost of debt and inflation changes requested by ESC. The proposed prices do not require adjustment as a result of these changes.
- The updated financial model will be forwarded to ESC.

I would like to congratulate ESC for the successful introduction of the PREMO Framework and for the cooperative manner in which ESC has worked with GVW through the Price Review process.

If you require any further information regarding this matter please contact Daniel Hughes on (03) 5832 4866.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Peter Quinn".

Peter Quinn
MANAGING DIRECTOR