

3 September 2021

Ms Michelle Andrews
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Dear Ms Andrews,

RE: FEEDBACK AND RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT *ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION REGULATIONS AMENDMENT (PUBLICATION AND CONFIDENTIALITY) REGULATIONS 2021*

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft *Environmental Protection Regulations Amendment (Publication and Confidentiality) Regulations 2021*.

Water Corporation has considered these draft Regulations and in our view the provisions in the draft Regulations provide a proper balance between the community's right to know about information or activities that may or will impact the natural environment or public health, and the rights of proponents / applicants to protect their intellectual property and other confidential information. The provisions proposed to protect the precise location of threatened species or threatened ecological communities are also supported as being in the broader public interest.

The Corporation has no objection to this response being made public as part of the consultation and reporting process on these draft Regulations.

Should you wish to discuss this letter further please contact Dr Digby Short, our Environment Manager, by telephone on 08 9420 2038 or by email at digby.short@watercorporation.com.au

Yours sincerely,



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