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Mr Ralph Lattimore
Executive Manager, Canberra
National Water Reform inquiry
Productivity Commission
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Canberra City ACT 2601

Dear Mr Lattimore,

SunWater submission on the National Water Reform - Productivity Commission Issues Paper

Please accept this submission from SunWater on the National Water Reform - Productivity Commission Issues Paper ("Issues Paper").

The submission is made on the grounds that SunWater is a Water Service Provider managing a rural network of bulk water supply infrastructure, supporting around 5,000 customers within Queensland’s mining, power generation, industrial, local government and irrigated agricultural sectors.

SunWater’s comments on the Issues Paper are as follows:

Emerging issues and challenges

SunWater welcomes the Productivity Commission’s goal to consider the scope for improving the NWI to address current and future challenges. Of particular relevance to SunWater is the Productivity Commission’s priority to identify and develop opportunities to deliver more efficient rural water services. SunWater supports this priority as it is consistent with the Queensland Government’s focus on delivering a more flexible and more efficient water planning process.

SunWater support the national approach to water reform and the need to maintain and improve the reforms achieved to date. SunWater’s operational and compliance monitoring systems are now well established and mature. As a service provider, SunWater will continue to streamline these systems while ensuring that previously established social and environment outcomes are achieved at a reduced cost to our stakeholders.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly in regard to any queries on this submission.

Yours sincerely

Gordon Delaney
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