

6 June 2011

Urban Water Inquiry
Australian Productivity Commission
LB 2 Collins Street East
MELBOURNE Vic 3165



Dear Sir

Re: Productivity Commission's Inquiry; Draft Report - Australia's Urban Water Sector

Lithgow City Council has considered the Draft Report and appreciates the opportunity to comment on the document.

As a member of the Central New South Wales Councils (Centroc), Lithgow City Council has resolved to support the submission made by Centroc to the Productivity Commission.

Council is also pleased that, unlike the AECOM Report for Infrastructure Australia, the Productivity Commission's report acknowledges the good performance of NSW Local Government water utilities and also that the Report confirms financial viability and water quality challenges that have already been identified and are being addressed by NSW Local Government and NSW agencies through the NSW Inquiry into Local Water Utilities.

The report is also accurate in that there is not a one size does not fit all and that reform is about finding regional solution.

Please contact me should you require further information from Council.

Yours sincerely

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